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OLD SERIES—VOLUME 64.



DR. JOHN H. BUCHANAN

Mississippi Preacher
Convention Sermon

"THE DEBT WE OWE" IS SUBJECT

Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, preached what many said was one of our greatest Convention sermons at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(Dr. Buchanan is a Mississippian, born at Blue Mountain, a graduate of Mississippi College, class of 1910, and son-in-law of Dr. W. T. Lowrey. His first pastorate was at Booneville, Miss., where he led in the erection of their present building. He was formerly pastor of the First church, Meridian. His father was for many years a beloved pastor in Mississippi.—Editor.)

Dr. Buchanan spoke in part as
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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES
WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT

The Son

By G. O. PARKER Magee, Mississippi

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "Eternity."—Editor.)



G. O. PARKER

"THY KINGDOM COME"

Jackson, Miss., Thursday, May 25, 1944

NEW SERIES—VOLUME 46—NO. 21.

Women Statement Changes
Whole Realm of Baptists

"It is our debt, too, until all is paid!" This was the striking statement made by the women of the Missionary Society of the Shiloh church in Calhoun Association in a letter to Baptist headquarters this week. These women have led the entire state to such heights of loyalty in this simple expression of their determination to stand by the work, that every pastor, layman and member is challenged by their zealous faith. The letter stated further: "We are sending this offering, although Shiloh church and the W. M. S. have paid their quotas. We wanted to help more, as it is our debt, too, until all is paid." The letter was written for the Society by Mrs. Jim Guldge. With the special June offering to retire school debts soon at hand, the observing of Christian Education month is approached with a new, serious determination on the part of many Sunday school leaders, Training Union workers and loyal Woman's Missionary Societies.

Other churches and pastors have written of their intention to press the final special offering in June as follows:

Association, pastor and church:
Hinds-Warren—R. L. Lee, Edwards.
Hinds-Warren—Owen Williams, Utica.
Copiah—R. L. Lee, Spring Hill.
Pike—Wyatt Hunter, McComb First.
Winston—John F. Carter, Ellison Ridge.
Winston—W. L. Day, Louisville, First.
Oktibbeha—C. E. Snowden, Longview.
Calhoun—J. S. Dorroh, Vardaman.
Riverside—R. W. Porter, Lambert.

Newly Elected Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention



Photo Courtesy Atlanta Journal

Dr. Pat M. Neff, of Waco, Texas, (center, standing) was unanimously re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention for another year at Wednesday's session of the group. Other officers are (seated) Dr. Hight C. Moore of Ridgecrest, N. C., secretary, and (standing), left to right are J. Henry Bennett, of Hendersonville, N. C., also secretary; Dr. Neff, and Dr. W. Harrison Williams, of Charlotte, N. C., second vice-president. Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta not in the picture, was named first vice-president.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MAKES PLANS
FOR CENTENNIAL YEAR

Four thousand, three hundred and one messengers and as many visitors from California to Maryland and from Illinois to Florida packed Atlanta's Memorial Auditorium for the 99th session of the Southern Baptist Convention. This was the fifth time the Convention had met in Atlanta.

To the singing of the famous old hymn—"How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"—the Convention opened its session, and heard President Pat M. Neff, former governor of Texas, issue a challenge for world co-operation, using as his subject, "Manhood on the March."

Dr. Neff, head of Baylor University, declared: "No narrow, parochial, intellectual horizon should now be ours: no longer should our ideals be circumscribed by the territorial boundaries of the United States. Our nation should not build a wall of isolation around itself.... 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself' is applicable to nations as to man."

Continuing, he declared that:

"Americans refused to take an interest in the world at the conclusion of the last war, and that we defaulted on every battlefield of peace. We ploughed under our cotton while women and children were freezing, and in Texas we shot down our cattle by the thousands and fed them to the buzzards, while people the world over were starving. We cannot fail again.

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Our people and the ministers must preach heaven, hell, and fire, instead of sermonettes tied up in blue ribbons. The citizenship of America should march forward, with banners unfurled, with 'Faith of Our Fathers' as our battle blast, and with 'Onward Christian Soldiers' as our martial hymn."

Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, stated that we had no way of knowing how many Baptists there were, but that including Russia and some other unreported countries, we would be safe in saying that we had over 15 million.

Buchanan Preaches

Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., delivered the Convention sermon, a stirring message on the topic, "The Debt We Still Owe." This sermon appears in condensed form on another page.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, brought the report on the Centennial Session Program. He stated that plans for the Centennial Session had been delayed by the world conditions, but that they recommended that the Convention meet in Atlanta, the week of May 8, 1945.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, presented the report of the Committee on Calendar of Co-ordinated De-

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Sparks & Splinters

"That is faith!" declared John L. Hill, pastor of the State Line church when he was told by the executive secretary that Dr. Oscar Johnson had been secured to deliver the feature address at the Mississippi Baptist "debt-free" celebration. Pastor Hill's churches are 100% in participation in the special June offering to speed the day of the celebration.

William L. Stidger, who is known to thousands of radio listeners for his weekly talks on NBC's "Thanks to America" program and who is known to some as the head of the Department of Preaching in the Boston University School of Theology, is the author of a book, "More Sermons in Stories," recently published by Abingdon-Cokesbury. Recounting the heroic, sacrificial and heart-warming actions of humble humans, as well as of the great and near-great, Dr. Stidger's new book is a companion volume to "There Are Sermons in Stories" published two years ago. It is a collection of short short-stories. From the incidents that most people see but never appreciate he has a way of molding helpful messages. Public speakers, teachers, and preachers will find his stories a source book of illustrative material. One of the colorful and versatile preachers of our times, Dr. Stidger served churches in San Francisco, San Jose, Detroit, Kansas City and Boston. The book sells for \$1.50 and may be ordered from the publisher or from your Baptist Book Store.

It was recently my privilege to preach in a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church, Dumas, Texas, with Rev. Cecil G. Goff as pastor. The music was led by Mrs. Goff. There were 25 additions by baptism, and 16 by letter. This church, under the leadership of Pastor Goff, is doing a constructive work in an industrial center, and is at the same time taking its place in the forefront in support of the worldwide mission program of Baptists.—H. H. Hargrove, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

"God and Man In Missions" is the adult book in the Graded Foreign Mission Study Course for 1944. Also may be used by Young People's groups. It is profound and exalted, deeply reverent, sincerely spiritual, and withal lucid and direct in its handling of immortal and immediate truth. Chapter titles reveal its plan, its purpose, and its direction: Why God Made This World, Why God Chose Israel, Why God Lets His Servant Suffer, The Son of Man Under the Burden of Mankind, and Worldwide Christianity. Particularly significant are the divisions of the closing chapter: The World Purpose of God; The World Plan of Jesus; and the World Work of the Church. The author is Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The price is 25 cents. The book may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

A. B. Wood, pastor at Ninth Avenue church in Charlotte, N. C., writes that he keeps in touch with Mississippi work through The Baptist Record and rejoices at the continued progress. He was formerly pastor at Forest. His church is happy in a spirit of evangelism that adds members week by week. His remembrances of the work in Mississippi are pleasant.

"Isaiah, Prince of Old Testament Prophets," is not a commentary on the book of Isaiah. It is a study of the message of Isaiah. It is deeply spiritual and the emphasis is evangelistic. The author is Dr. B. A. Copass, preacher, teacher, pastor, now retired, was for twenty-four years head of the Old Testament Department in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Tex. The book is published by the Broadman Press and sells for two dollars. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

Levon Moore will serve as assistant to Webb Brame, pastor of the Yazoo City church, this summer. The people are anticipating a full and happy term of service. He was formerly assistant at First church, Grenada.

The Mountaineer, Blue Mountain College yearbook, was delivered to the students recently by Joyce Wilkinson, Richmond, Va., editor. It was dedicated to Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, head of the Bible department.

Rev. A. W. Talbert recently preached two commencement sermons the same day. One was at Enterprise in Pike county and the other at Mars Hill in Amite county.

C. S. Moulder, Baptist Student Secretary at Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg preached the commencement sermon at Forrest County Agricultural High school at Brooklyn. He was formerly pastor at Brooklyn for seven years.

According to the American Bible Society, some parts of the Scriptures have been published in 1,052 different languages. Four new languages have made their appearance on the list during 1943: Walmo, spoken in Ethiopia, Yipounou and Yisangou for tribes in Gaboon, French Equatorial Africa, and Gunwinggu, spoken by North Australian natives.

A total of 9,343,652 white and Negro membership of the 13,314,620 Baptists in the world live in the South, according to Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Convention statistical secretary. White churches in the Convention number 25,790 with a property value of \$248,168,495.

The speaker to deliver the graduating address at Clarke College in Newton, May 27, will be C. S. Moulder, Baptist Student Secretary at Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg. He was formerly head of the History Department at Clarke, and also taught Bible in the school.

There are 5,493,027 white Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention, which includes Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, the District of Columbia, California and Arizona.

Pastor A. E. Mason of the Lyon and Jonestown churches writes that they have had a number of additions since the Appelman meeting. Six were baptized two or three Sundays ago and five are awaiting baptism at this writing, with others expected.

One of the employees of the mailing department of The Baptist Record has supplied a fine testimony in cooperation in helping pay off the state debt, in that she and her family have given approximately \$200 already in regular and systematic gifts through the Now Club, and plan to support as liberally as possible the special offering in June. This spirit is typical of the way the workers respond to every effort of the state convention.

Webb Baptist Church, J. H. Pennebaker, pastor, will begin a series of evangelistic services Sunday, May 28, and continuing through June 4. The pastor will be assisted by Dr. Selsus E. Tull, evangelist, of Jackson, Miss., and W. Plunkett Martin, of the Music Department of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

Miss Sadie Lee Davis received the Master of Sacred Music degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary on May 5, having been a pupil of William Barclay in both piano and organ. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Davis of Clinton, formerly of Pontotoc. Miss Davis is a graduate of Clinton high school, and Hillman College. While attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Miss Davis filled the positions as student assistant in the school of music and organist for the University Baptist Church of Fort Worth. During the summer session at Southwestern Seminary, Miss Davis will act as substitute for Mrs. I. E. Reynolds, teaching class piano.

To all concerned: Almost every day we receive an article or a letter with the following notation, "Please copy and return," or "return when you have used this." We courteously ask any who contemplate sending us articles or letters to please send us copies only and retain the original. We are having our labor troubles just as other people and we do not have the time to copy letters. Those who send them should do the copying.

Mrs. D. M. Merriman of Sardis writes that she had the privilege of hearing Home Mission Board Evangelist Percy L. Ray preach in a revival* at Buntyn Street Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. She speaks in highest terms of him and the spirit filled sermons he preached.

West Corinth: Our Vacation Bible school was held May 7-12 with an enrollment of 92 and average attendance of 85.

Union church, Walthall county, had a Mother's Day program and an offering of \$31.90 for the Orphanage was taken. N. F. Davis, Jr., is pastor and Melvin Boyd is Sunday school superintendent.—W. R. Barron.

West Corinth: Dr. V. Ward Barr, pastor of First Baptist Church, recently led us in a revival meeting. There were 48 additions, 36 by baptism.

Pastor M. Glenn Smith, after graduating at B. B. I. has moved to Goss. The people there had prepared a nice five-room house for the pastor and had filled the pantry. He also served Society Hill and Oakvale.

Rev. Milton Bryant, who has served as supply pastor since February at West Corinth church has entered Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Many were asking about Dr. Truett, not realizing how seriously ill he is. This was the first Convention missed by him in many years. With the exception of one year when he was abroad and another year when he was ill Dr. Truett has probably attended every Convention for 50 years. Dr. Truett has had every honor Baptists can bestow.—president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Baptist World Alliance. He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, since 1897.

The many friends of N. R. Stone, Mobile, will be sorry to learn that due to an injured knee he is not teaching in the new Seminary at Jacksonville, Fla., as he had planned.

"We want to be recognized as one of the churches which will take a special offering in June for the Now Club," writes Owen Williams from the Utica church, in Hinds-Warren Association.

Not all missionaries go to foreign lands. The Convention's Home Mission Board has 489 missionaries working in 1,037 mission stations, serving the Mexicans in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California; the French in south Louisiana; the Negroes throughout the South, the Indians in certain areas, as well as Chinese, Italian and Japanese.

North Carolina's Governor J. M. Broughton told the Convention at Atlanta about a Negro delegation which visited his office in Raleigh to plead for an erring brother who had been sentenced to the penitentiary. Governor Broughton says it was an impressive delegation, complete with ministers from the Negro Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal churches in the sentenced one's home town. At the end of the introductions, Governor Broughton says he turned to the spokesman and remarked: "This is a fine delegation, but you know I am a Baptist and I don't see the Baptists represented here." The spokesman quickly reassured him with: "Your Honor, the defendant is a Baptist."

In a letter to the director of the Now Club, Dr. Theodore Whitfield says: "Am sending \$64 from the Pocahontas church, Hinds county, for the 'victory debt-paying' fund. You have led us handsomely in debt-paying. Success to you and glory to the Lord."

At Holly Springs the offering for Home Missions was \$216, far exceeding the goal set.—First Baptist Bulletin.

Word comes from W. L. Day, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Louisville, stating that his church will participate in a fine way in the June special offering to retire state debts.

Pastor E. C. Snowden of the Longview church, has requested envelopes to use in the special June offering for debt payment.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, Shubuta; Rev. B. H. Benton, Taylorsville; Mrs. C. L. Wallace, Yazoo City; Rev. W. M. Tabb, Wesson; Rev. Charles Whitten, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. C. S. Thomas, Jackson.

Oil City Baptists are anticipating a great revival beginning May 31, when their pastor, Earl George, will begin the series. Starting Monday, June 5, Claud Bowen, pastor of the Calvary church in Jackson will continue the revival with Bob Crawford, pastor of Van Winkle church, leading the singing. The meeting will close June 9.

The offering at Hathorn for the Baptist Orphanage Sunday amounted to \$25.00. They have over \$1,500 in the building fund "if and when." Three Intermediates came on profession of faith Sunday and one came by letter. M. C. Nelson is pastor.

G. W. Smith, pastor at Harperville Baptist Church, reports a good Vacation Bible school just ended. There were 18 professions of faith. There were eight additions to the church Sunday.

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Last Report

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

NOTE: Some of the Southwide Boards are having to "cut" our tract supply because of the paper shortage. We believe thoroughly in the tracts' ministry. We want every situation to have all the tracts they need, and can, and will use. We simply request three things: First, that you order the tracts needed; Second, that you USE carefully and profitably the tracts received, and Third, that you return to us leftover tracts. We believe these requests to be reasonable and by the will of God.

I

The Advisory Stewardship Committee in a recent session set forth the following points as suggestions for emphasis today and the months ahead: First, five one-day stewardship conferences September 18-22; Second, a stewardship revival in every Mississippi Baptist church this year; Third, magnifying cooperation in Cooperative Program participation; Fourth, that place be given in each soul-winning revival for at least one message on stewardship of possessions; Fifth, that a school of missions be promoted in each church and the order of Acts 1:8 be followed, and emphasis on our Now Club Victory effort. Members present were B. Frank Smith, Webb Brame, Owen Williams, W. E. Winstead, W. L. Green and D. A. McCall.

II

While it leads us into the Holy of Holies in a mother's heart, we believe she would be willing that you may catch the heart-throb of a mother's waiting and a mother's sorrow. The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Dear Brother McCall:

Your kind letter of sympathy was received and it is the sympathy of friends that makes our sorrows lighter and easier to bear. It was a great shock when we received the message that our son was 'missing in action,' but we have the faith to believe he is still living either as a prisoner of war or perhaps in neutral territory.

"He wrote me a Mother's Day letter on March 30, and he was 'missing in action' April 1. I shall always keep that letter. He said, 'Mother, I am writing you this letter now because I may not have a chance to write again before Mother's Day, but I want you to know I will be thinking of you. It is for mothers like you we are over here fighting, so that our mothers may have a better world to live in.' When he turned to wave goodbye before leaving for overseas, I called to him and said, 'Son, I'll be waiting for you.' I am waiting and I believe he will come back.

"Please pray for him and his safety. He was a good, obedient son. We have a double sorrow as my nephew was captured by the Japs at Corregidor two years ago May 6. Your prayer for my boy's return to us is kindly requested. We beg to remain,

"Yours in sorrow, —"

III

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE ANOTHER MAJOR EVENT AHEAD OF US FOR THIS YEAR OF 1944. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECENTLY AUTHORIZED YOUR SECRETARY TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR THE DEBT-FREE CELEBRATION. WE HAVE SECURED THE PROMISE OF DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS OUR FEATURED SPEAKER. HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION.

IV

The ministry has been furnishing large numbers of chaplains in the service of our country. Mississippi Baptists have furnished some of our best men. These men are of necessity from among the older men because younger men may not qualify for lack of education, preparation and experience. Dr. Alldredge set forth the fact in statistics recently reviewed by us that Mississippi Baptists in 1942 had 107 pastorless churches. That number has assuredly increased by now until it must stand between 150-200 pastorless churches.

It appears we are now losing a number of our ministerial students who are at the same time pastoring churches. This is to make further inroads into the ranks of the Gospel ministry. We do not know of any other profession that is drawn upon in such quantity in both the younger and older groups. In a time when sorrow is multiplied, when youth needs counsel and help, when sin and unbelief are rampant and righteousness is the issue at home and around the world, it is tragedy unspeakable for so many of the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ to be pastorless.

V

Rev. Tom Pfeifer, our part-time State Mission worker at Whitfield, makes the following report on service rendered within a few weeks: 17 professions of faith by patients, 23 re-dedications by employees and an average of three personal contacts made per trip. That is State Missions!

Pastor J. B. Parker, Ripley, also a Convention Board member, recently told us that on the three preceding Sundays his church at Ripley had witnessed 19 additions, 15 of them for baptism and coming from the Sunday school. The preceding Wednesday night there were 89 persons in prayer meeting. It seems that our pastors, Convention Board members and churches have not let the fires of evangelism die. Doxology!

It was a joy to supply for Dr. J. D. Franks and the saints at First church, Columbus. Some choice souls are members of this congregation. We have come to appreciate them very much. We were able to do this through a slight change in the speaking hour at Zion Sunday School Association. Thanks to Bro. J. M. Harvey, superintendent. The Association meeting was one of the best we have attended. The house was filled and overflowing with folks all day.

The five Pastors' Conferences sponsored by Secretaries Williams and Wilds were unusual. Something new, we were told by Southwide workers. We be-

lieve they were very effective. These secretaries are unusual leaders, giving 100 per cent cooperation in all of the work. Our pastors are also unexcelled.

The office forces again had the privilege of visiting the A. L. Goodrich home for ham, chicken, spareribs and what have you! Good eats. Excellent fellowship. A great time by all.

A fine interest was manifested in the Sunday evening congregation at Oakdale in Rankin county. Their revival is planned for the first week in August, Pastor C. Z. Holland preaching and Pastor E. F. Graeser leading the singing.

A very fine spirit and a good attendance was registered at the Mississippi Baptist B. S. U. Spring Retreat at Starkville, with Dr. J. D. Ray as host pastor, Rev. Harold Douglas, local secretary, and Mr. William Greer, state president. Secretary Falwell of South Carolina added much to the meeting. Sunday morning proved a great consecration hour with the B. S. U. group responding en masse. In addition, several hundred members of the congregation stood publicly in re-consecration. Just before this hour we had the privilege of hearing Mr. Ben Hilburn in an excellent Sunday school lesson hour. In addition to the officers listed above, the Mississippi B. S. U. officers are as follows: Betty Jane Hammett, first vice-president; Joyce Moulder, second vice-president; Grace Beckett, third vice-president; Carolyn Sessions, secretary; Jean Lowrey, Ridgecrest representative; Dorothy Jefferson, Extension chairman; Erlene Howard, reporter; Nelda Nash, Junior College representative; Flora Finch, Baptist Student representative, and Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor-advisor. The local secretaries are Wilda Tilghman, M. S. C. W.; Chester Moulder, Mississippi Southern; Lucy Carlton Wilds, Blue Mountain, and Marion Leavell, Ole Miss. The other officers are Erlene Howard, editor; Nella Dean Mitchell, Brian Barnett, Ruth Smith, Rachel Stubbs, Audrey Lindley, Jean Berry, Pauline Porter, Elizabeth Ann Babson, Marjorie Wingo, Winifred Roberts, Karlene Parker, and Reade Washington, all assistant editors, and Harold Douglas, advisor.

Mr. Frank Ingram, B. T. U. director at Bolton, reports that every farmer member is helping with the God's Acre Plan. In addition, every child above five years participates in the Share-cropper's Club by helping in working the Lord's acre. Dr. A. A. Kitchings is pastor.

FIRST SOUTHWIDE PASTORS EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Promoted by the Sunday School Board, T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, the first southwide evangelistic conference for pastors will be held at Ridgecrest, June 23-27. The opening session will be Friday evening. B. B. McKinney and Allen W. Graves will lead the music. A most appealing program has been arranged as follows:

Morning

The Hour of Power.
Developing Great Evangelistic Texts.
Preparing for a Revival.
Ministry of Music in Revivals.
Bible Study Hour: Sin, Redemption, and the Christian Life.
An Evangelistic Sermon I Have Preached.

Afternoon

Bible Study Groups:
Peter's Evangelistic Sermons.
Paul's Evangelistic Sermons.
Great Evangelists and Their Work:
A Study of Charles G. Finney and Dwight L. Moody.
Testimony Meeting.

Evening

Worship.
Conference Period:
The Home and Evangelism.
Youth's Place in Evangelism.
Sermon.
Lakeside Service.
Some of the leaders who will have part are:
C. E. Matthews, Ramsey Pollard, W. Perry Crouch, Thomas Hansen, W. H. Knight, W. F. Powell, Robert E. Humphreys, J. W. Marshall, R. C. Campbell, C. C. Warren, P. E. Burroughs, J. Dean Crain, T. L. Holcomb, W. R. White, J. O. Williams, Howard M. Reaves, J. N. Barnette, John D. Freeman, Zeno Wall, W. R. Pettigrew and Hight C. Moore.

MRS. L. E. LIGHTSEY

Friends all over Mississippi will share in the sorrow which has come to L. E. Lightsey of Montrose in the loss of his beloved companion who was buried on May 7. She had been an invalid for many years, and no intimation had been given to the family that she was not as well as usual, therefore her death was a shock to all the loved ones. The Christian calmness and fortitude with which Bro. Lightsey bore his sorrow inspired all of us. Their daughter, Ethel, was there when her mother passed away.—J. E. Willis, Newton, Miss.

BR

Despite difficulties imposed by the occupation authorities, Bibles sales in Holland for 1943 broke a 130-year record of the Netherlands Bible Society, according to the German-controlled press. The society sold 75,000 Bibles, 90,000 New Testaments and 40,000 tracts.

PROGRESS - VICTORY

It is possible that most Mississippi Baptists do not realize just how far we have come in debt-paying. On page 87 of the 1940 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual the Commission of Twenty listed our Mississippi Baptist indebtedness at \$1,079,220.06—over one million dollars! Today, counting deficit and all, we owe \$100,000 and a little over. That is about 10% of our 1940 indebtedness. That IS progress!

We have ALREADY saved \$243,925 in interest through calling bonds before maturity date. We will save \$41,500 additional this year as we call the 1957 bonds—the last outstanding.

The June Victory debt offering will help consummate this work! It is worthwhile! It can be done!

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION The Place

Without fear of contradiction we state that no city has ever done a better job of entertaining a Southern Baptist Convention than Atlanta. If anything were left undone no one seemed to detect it. The first person we saw and knew on arriving at Atlanta was Capt. Purser Hewitt, and he was as cordial and courteous as when a civilian.

Atlanta is able and anxious to have Southern Baptists. Of course, the city is crowded, but what city isn't? Not one word of grumbling did we hear from Atlanta people, even when they found their favorite eating places crowded with Convention folk.

Both papers, the Constitution and the Journal, gave generously of their space and each one wrote welcoming editorials. In fact, either one of these great Southern dailies gave more space in one issue than some papers have given the whole Convention throughout several days.

A few months ago the editor asked The Times-Picayune of New Orleans to sell us a mat of Dr. Duke McCall being inaugurated as president of B. B. I. They refused.

In Atlanta we saw pictures in both the Journal and the Constitution that we wanted for The Baptist Record. We asked the editors to sell us mats of the pictures. 'Did they refuse?' 'Not at all. They gave them to us and seemed hurt when we insisted on paying. Atlanta is a friendly place.

The auditorium in which the Convention met has one of the best loud speaker systems to be found anywhere.

We suppose the people who live in Atlanta understand how to get about in the city, but we never did. The streets remind us of a hamburger steak—all chopped up.

There are short streets, curved streets, triangular blocks, etc.

The Program

The program was well balanced. No one got as much time as he wanted but everything got a hearing. It was largely a business Convention. The program was more closely followed than usual. President Neff deserves much credit for this.

The Southern Baptist papers, probably the most influential power in the Convention, were given 30 minutes and this was later cut to a mere 20 minutes. And two reports were to be squeezed into this time.

The Order of Business Committee did a good job. Theirs is a difficult work and they deserve praise for a hard task well performed.

The People

We think of the people who were present and the people who were absent.

Dr. George W. Truett was absent because of continued illness. This was one of the very few Conventions he has missed. Somehow his absence seemed to leave a vacant place that no one else could fill. His absence also reminded us that however beloved and useful a person is, time takes its toll.

Another brother who was kept away was Dr. J. R. Sampey, beloved by every student of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He, too, was kept away because of physical incapacity.

We noted that the leadership has greatly changed in the last few years. Many who were just among those present a few years ago are now having a voice in the conduct of affairs.

Mississippians, as usual, were well represented in places of leadership. We recall the following: T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board; J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board; John H. Buchanan, Convention preacher; H. H. Hargrove, chairman of the Committee on Post-War Missionary Program; F. W. Tinnin, who made the report on Baptist papers; J. W. McCall, chairman of the Committee on Boards; Charles D. Johnson, who was chairman of the Education Committee; Duke K. McCall, who spoke on "Theological Education," and others.

The Peaks

A plain rather than peaks would more accurately describe the Convention.

The sermon by John H. Buchanan, the Foreign Mission program, the Home Mission Program; and addresses by Theo. F. Adams, C. Oscar Johnson, and Governor J. M. Broughton were

probably the outstanding events. Both mission programs emphasized the importance and widespread service of these great Baptist Boards.

The Prospects

Every note sounded was optimistic. A pessimist would have felt as much out of place as a Jewish rabbi at a Baptist celebration of the Lord's Supper.

All Boards not only have great prospects but prospective income sufficient to support an expanding program.

Another bright prospect is the fact that the Atlanta messengers were determined to settle matters then rather than "pass the buck." During debate on one controversial matter three efforts were made to adjourn. Each one was voted down. They stayed on the job one and a half hours after adjournment time BUT they voted on the question before them.

Another good omen was the evident determination of the Convention not to put too much power in the hands of the Executive Committee. There was no word of censure for this committee that has wrought well. But when THEY brought a recommendation that a Southern Baptist Foundation be established and the Executive Committee be the Foundation Committee the Convention voted to establish the Foundation but reserved the right to name the members of the Foundation. This was no censure of the Executive Committee but an expression of the feeling that too much centralization of power is not a good policy for Southern Baptists.

The Convention was successful, and President Neff deserves a lot of credit for the way he presided. His humor made the rough spots smooth and his dignity was a tribute to Southern Baptists.

BR MORE REPORTS COMING

As space permits, we will publish some of the reports that were submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlanta. Of course readers readily realize that full reports of all boards and committees are impossible in this issue. Read the account in this issue and the reports in later issues.

BR EDITORS EAT COUNTRY HAM

Southern Baptist editors will not soon forget Atlanta. There are many reasons. One of them is the breakfast at the Atlanta Athletic Club. Editor O. P. Gilbert and the Georgia Christian Index were hosts. And that breakfast included COUNTRY HAM.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Much can be said concerning the fine results of the Vacation Bible school. It is the opinion of many that the returns in spiritual dividends from this school are equal to the results of any one piece of work done in the church during the year.

The spiritual values are many, if the school is conducted according to the plans in the literature, which is provided by the Sunday School Board. This literature, which is the best, emphasizes the Bible and is concerned with developing the spiritual side of the individual. To this end there are passages from the Bible, Bible stories, character stories, worship services, prayer and an emphasis on reverence. In fact, the whole school centers about these values.

There are other fine benefits growing out of the above, and one is the citizenship value. Such factors as the salute to the flag, talks on the meaning of the flag, the fair-play emphasis in handwork, and the character building stories contribute to this.

A Vacation Bible school properly conducted will bring many fine benefits to the individual, the church and the community. The individual benefits from a better knowledge of the Bible, learning spiritual truths, worshipping God daily, and good fellowship with both faculty and pupils.

The church benefits by reaching more individuals with the teaching ministry and also through enlisting more of its members in positive Christian service. Then, the work of the school may be carried over into the regular program of the church and thus conserve. As the church is benefited, so is the community in which the church stands.

The blessings of the Vacation Bible school are related to time and eternity. The individual experiences a deepening of the spiritual life; souls are saved through gospel appeals; churches catch a larger vision of usefulness, and eternal blessings untold will be the result. The Vacation Bible school is a very wise investment for any church each year.

J. W. T. SILER, Pastor,
Arcola, Miss

PROTESTS APPOINTMENT OF PRIESTS AS CHAPLAINS TO PROTESTANT TROOPS

Brooklyn, N. Y.—(RNS)—Appointment of Roman Catholic clergymen as chaplains for Protestant Scotch and English troops was protested here by Dr. William Barrow Pugh, chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, who spoke at the first meeting of the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation's annual financial campaign.

Attributing the Roman Catholic appointments to disunity in the ranks of the Protestants, Dr. Pugh related a recent incident on an outgoing troopship in which the captain asked the chaplains to hold their services on Tuesday instead of Sunday. Although the Protestant chaplain agreed, the Roman Catholic chaplain ignored the order and continued to preach on Sunday, he said. Dr. Pugh added: "If the Protestant had objected he would have gotten it in the neck. The reason is that he does not have a solidified church behind him."

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nominational Activities as printed in the Book of Reports, which was adopted. The calendar follows:

First Quarter—January—Program Month: (1) Church Loyalty Campaign; (2) Denomination Day, January 23; (3) The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; (4) Church Schools of Missions. February—Stewardship Month: (1) Stewardship Sunday, February 13; (2) Student Evangelistic Week, February 6-13; (3) Church Schools of Missions and Stewardship. March—(1) Home Missions; (2) W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering, February 28-March 3; (3) Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, March 26; (4) Training Union Study Courses.

Second Quarter—April (1) Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers); (2) Christian Literature and Church Libraries; (3) Sunday School Training Courses. May: (1) Christian Home Week, May 7-14; (2) Hospital Day on Mother's Day, May 14; (3) W. M. U. Annual Meeting, May—(see September); (4) Southern Baptist Convention, May 17-20 (changed to May 16-18). June: (1) "Carry Christ to the Camps" Offering; (2) Vacation Bible Schools; (3) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies and Camps; (4) Christian Education Day (preferably June 25).

Third Quarter—July: (1) Baptist Bible Institute; (2) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies and Camps; (3) Student Volunteer Summer Service. August: (1) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; (2) W. M. U. Young People's Organizations; (3) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies and Camps. September: (1) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; (2) W. M. U. Training School; (3) W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering; Training Union Study Courses; (4) W. M. U. Annual Meeting, September 19-21.

Fourth Quarter—October: (1) Student Join-the-Church Day, October 8; (2) Layman's Day, October 15; (3) State Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, October 22; (4) Sunday School Training Courses. November: (1) Every Member Canvass; (2) State Papers and Missionary Magazines; (3) Orphanage Day and Offering. December: (1) Foreign Missions; (2) W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 4-8; (3) Every Member Canvass (completed); (4) Student Night at Christmas, December 31.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, stated that we now have 495 missionaries doing Home Mission work, and that mission work is being done in 28 cities. His report was adopted.

Tuesday Night

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Southwide W. M. U. president, spoke briefly to the report of the W. M. U. She then introduced Dr. R. G. Lee who spoke in praise of the great work which the women are doing. He made the plea that we might make their burdens our burdens, and that we might take upon our hearts any of their problems. The report was adopted. The great address of Dr. Lee will be condensed and published in a later issue of the Record.

In presenting the Foreign Mission program, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, brought out the fact that perhaps we had more missionaries present at this Convention than have ever been present at any Convention in the history of Southern Baptists. The platform was packed with missionaries from every field. "Missions Now" was the topic of the Foreign Mission program. Dr. Maddry stressed the fact that we need two million or more dollars to carry on, and start anew our mission work.

Dr. Geo. Green and Mrs. Green were introduced by Dr. Maddry. Dr. Green, who has been a missionary to Africa for over 30 years, told of the great progress which Baptists are making in Nigeria, their motto being, "Christ for Nigeria, and Nigeria for Christ," and their work being divided into three sections, "Preaching, Teaching and Healing."

Miss Ruby Daniel, missionary to Budapest, Hungary, spoke for Europe. Dr. Maddry spoke also for the Near East.

Everett Gill, Jr., presented "Missions Now in Latin America." Miss Mildred Cox spoke on "The United States of Brazil"; T. B. Stover, on "Publishing Glad Tidings"; R. Cecil Moore, on "Seven Spanish Republics," and Z. Paul Freeman, on "Breaking New Ground."

M. T. Rankin presented the work of "Missions Now in the Orient." W. Maxfield Garrott discussed the work in Japan; H. H. McMillan, "In Occupied China"; R. L. Bausum, "In Free China"; M. T. Rankin, "In Internment."

Dr. W. O. Carver, veteran teacher of Missions at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, led the dedicatory prayer for the newly appointed missionaries.

Wednesday Morning

H. T. Whaley, Louisiana, presented a resolution recommending that a special commission be appointed whose duty it should be to cooperate with returning chaplains, the churches, and the State Mission Boards, in assisting the chaplains to return to pastoral work as quickly as possible after they have been relieved from duty with the armed forces. Adopted.

Charging that the Roman Catholic church is thwarting the work of Baptists in Latin America, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Foreign Mission Board secretary for Latin America, who recently returned from a 30,000 mile tour of that area, declared that:

"At the very moment when we would enlarge our mission staff to enter unevangelized areas, the forces of the Roman hierarchy with friendly encouragement from many individuals in places of authority in the United States government, have sought to slam those doors shut. The attack of the Roman Catholic Church against our work goes ahead unabated."

Moral Slump Charged

Dr. Gill charged further that missionaries from Protestant denominations have found it difficult to obtain passports to Latin-American countries, whereas "almost 200 young American priests have gone as new missionaries to many Latin-American republics. We have positive proof that none of these Catholic missionaries has had any difficulty in securing passports."

Concerning the intervention of Catholics in Latin-America Dr. Gill continued:

"An official statement by their (Catholics) archbishops and bishops declares Protestant missionary efforts 'prove to be a disturbing factor in our international relations,' and are therefore 'offensive to the dignity of our Southern brothers.' . . .

"This is a serious charge which the Southern Baptist Convention, representing 5,500,000 American citizens, has born patiently, but now insists cannot be unanswered."

Religious freedom is the vital issue at stake, the resolution maintains,

pointing out that freedom of worship is guaranteed by Latin-American republics.

Defend Religious Freedom

"In spite of this attack on Protestant work," the paper says, "we here-with reassert our historic position to defend the full religious rights of our Catholic neighbors in the United States where they nominally constitute about 15 per cent of the total population, and to defend the religious rights of all minorities everywhere."

Catholic missionaries to Latin-America have not experienced the same difficulty in obtaining passports which has been the lot of new Protestant missionaries, the resolution charges. "We seek no governmental favors or special recognition, but . . . it is not the prerogative of our State Department to pass on the individual merits of the professions of American citizens going abroad."

Resolutions concerning the seeming partiality shown the Catholics in contrast to Baptists were read by Dr. Gill and adopted by the Convention.

Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the State Department, and to all senators and representatives within the territory of the Convention. (Editor's Note: The resolution will be published as soon as space is available.)

Dillard Speaks

Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, presented their report. Preceding him, Dr. J. E. Dillard read a report of his work as promotion secretary, and then made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That we celebrate in a worthy manner a century of Christian service.

2. That in this celebration we especially stress evangelism, education, enlistment, missions, benevolences, stewardship, prayer, and the Cooperative Program as the primary plan for financing our causes.

3. That the Executive Committee be and is hereby instructed to formulate and present a detailed procedure involving the above objective.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee were as follows:

Recommendation No. 1:

We recommend that the Convention adopt the recommendations of the joint committee of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions concerning comity, which are as follows:

"The joint committee, meeting in St. Louis on July 28, 1943, recommends the adoption by the Northern and the Southern Baptist Conventions of the recommendations contained in the reply of the Southern Committee to the requests of the Northern Committee as a basis for the promotion of comity between the two conventions.

"And we do further recommend the adoption by both conventions of the following statement:

"In a sorely stricken and divided world, disunited by racial, economic and religious differences and hatreds, the churches of Christ face both a danger and an opportunity. We, therefore, that we may find for ourselves a deeper and more abiding unity, and in loving obedience to the injunction of our Lord, counsel the churches, ministers and officers of our respective Conventions to refrain from invidious and harmful criticism and comment, each upon the other, and to respect fully the rights of individual conscience and private judgment upon which our Baptist polity

rests, that we may present to the world an example of that unity and good will which are essential to the effectiveness of our Christian witness."

Recommendation No. 2:

We recommend that the date for the completion of the list of ministers for the Convention Annual be June 1 of each year.

Recommendation No. 3:

The following telegram was received by the Executive Committee at a meeting March 16, 1944:

"March 16, 1944

"Augusta, Ga.

"Dr. Charles W. Daniel, Chairman,
"161 8th Ave. North,
"Nashville, Tennessee.

"With regret Augusta Baptist Pastors Conference decided in January impossible to entertain 1945 Southern Convention here.

"E. C. Sheridan, Pres.,
"Archie Brickle, Secty."

In view of the fact that Augusta, Georgia, is unable to entertain the Convention, we therefore, recommend that the Centennial Session of the Southern Baptist Convention be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1945.

The three above recommendations were adopted without change.

Recommendation No. 4:

Since 1928 the Executive Committee has possessed the legal right and power to solicit, to receive, and to handle permanent trust funds for the Southern Baptist Convention. It now holds \$205,490.93 of such permanent funds. We believe, however, that, because of the popularity of the idea of Baptist foundations, it would be wise to create a legal entity to be known as THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following suggested charter, subject to any necessary changes in legal terminology or any legal requirements, or in both.

(Editor's Note: The suggested charter was the usual legal form.)

Recommendation 4 as submitted by the Executive Committee provided that the Executive Committee should be the Foundation Committee. Dr. L. E. Barton of Alabama offered the following amendment which was adopted: That article five of Recommendation 4 be amended requiring that the trustees of the Foundation shall be elected by the Convention. Recommendation 4 was then adopted.

Recommendation No. 5:

We recommend the approval of the budgets submitted by the various agencies of the Convention. (See financial statement.) Adopted.

Recommendations 6, 7 and 8 were considered together. They follow:

Recommendation No. 6:

Operating budget for Southern Baptist Convention.

We believe that the time has come when the Southern Baptist Convention should have its own Operating Budget. By an Operating Budget is meant one which shall include a number of items, authorized by the Convention from time to time, now being financed by contributions from one or more agencies of the Convention.

We recommend:

1. That the Convention set up an operating Budget which shall include the following items:

Executive Committee \$40,000.00

Baptist Brotherhood of the South 20,000.00

Baptist World Alliance 4,000.00

Education Commission 4,800.00

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

Just a few more days and our first auxiliary camps for the summer will begin. Between May 29-July 15 there will be 14 camp periods for the various groups. Announcements as to the time and place for the different age groups have been sent to the local counselors.

Any sacrifice that one may make for the missionary education of our young people will not be too great, for these boys and girls, if properly trained, will be taking the places of leadership in our churches within the next few years. See to it that the ones in your church are given this opportunity this summer.

TRANSPORTATION (for groups going from Jackson). There will be a special section (bus) going to each camp at Newton, leaving Jackson at 8:15 a. m., from FRONT of Tri-State Bus Station on these dates:

June 6 (Int. R. A's.).
June 26 (Jr. G. A's.).
June 15 (Jr. R. A's.).
July 4 (Int. G. A's.).
July 7 (Y. W. A's.).

(Please pass this information along.)

And returning to Jackson by 3 p. m. closing day of camp. Round-trip fare, 12 years and under \$1.40; Adults \$2.75. This to be paid as you enter the bus. If you expect a place on the bus we must know by 9 a. m. the day before leaving. Write W. M. U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson, or call 4-6171.

Some weeks ago we printed a list of the churches that had 100% of their resident women members giving to missions in 1943. We have been reminded that Collins Baptist Church had that record last year. Somehow that information did not reach our office until recently. We regret this but we want to congratulate them on reaching this high standard.

G. A. Focus Week Observed

Last week was a highlight in the history of the Girls' Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen.

During the week many things were done to center attention on the two groups of girls. Sunday morning they sat in reserved seats during the worship service; in the afternoon a mission program was given in the Pilgrim's Rest Negro church.

On Monday afternoon groups of girls attended the four W. M. U. circles and led the devotionals. Tuesday afternoon seventy-eight girls and their mothers enjoyed the vesper service together, at the church, consisting of an initiation and a program on G. A. ideals and work. Community Missions was engaged in by the girls Wednesday afternoon, when they visited sick ones and shut-ins carrying Bible messages and flowers.

The Chinese program and exhibit Thursday afternoon created new interest in G. A. work. Friday the girls worked on Forward Steps, and made plans to attend G. A. Camp May 29th.

Mrs. B. E. Thomas, Counselor,
Mrs. J. T. Cubley,
Assistant Counselor.

DIGEST

Report of Woman's Missionary Union

By

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President,
Plattsburg, Mo.
Miss Kathleen Mallory, Ex. Sec.
Birmingham
Miss Juliette Mather, Y. P. Sec.,
Birmingham

Mrs. W. J. Cox, Treasurer, Memphis
W. M. U. women and young people are constantly reminded to ask divine guidance not only for themselves also for other Christians and for people in general. Last year over two-thirds of the Woman's Missionary Societies participated in their State Mission Season of Prayer. An even larger number met to pray in March for the southland, while yet more observed the December week for Foreign Missions.

Last year over one-fifth of the Union's organizations engaged in definitely evangelistic efforts. In many of the large Southern cities or in smaller places where foreign-speaking people have their homes, the Good Will Centers afford excellent opportunities for soul-winning.

None of the W. M. U. organizations in the churches can be A-1 unless each has during the year at least two mission study classes. In 1943, there were 48,167 such classes, of which 28,630 were for women and 19,537 for the young people.

The three W. M. U. missionary magazines reached high water mark during the year. Royal Service for the adult women; The Window of Y. W. A. for the younger women, and World Comrades for boys and girls of the Intermediate, Junior and Primary ages. In this S. B. C. month of May the circulation of these three magazines has reached the unprecedented total of 198,300.

The total gifts of W. M. U. women and young people in 1943 went far beyond their total in any year of the Union's life—\$4,673,455.43, of which \$2,277,901.58 was for the Co-operative Program. In addition to what was given to Home and Foreign Missions through the Co-operative Program, \$312,761.56 was given to Home Missions through the Annie Armstrong Offering, and \$726,995.69 to Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The total W. M. U. gifts for 1943 show a gain of 23 per cent over 1942. Among those who have made this record possible are 148,437 tithers, or an average tither for every 4.8 members.

During the past eleven years the W. M. U. young people and women have given to south-wide debt-clearance \$1,668,963.92 and to state debts during the past four years, \$584,664.98. Since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions has amounted to \$6,354,392.15, and since 1907 the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions has amounted to \$2,773,800.91.

The W. M. U. has organizations in 12,458 Southern Baptist churches, but in 11,615 churches there are none. There are now a total of 38,695 W. M. U. organizations, with an enrollment of 715,433 members, 327,119 of these

being young people and 388,314 women. During the past year there were 3,087 new organizations, of which 2,521 were young people and 566 were for the women.

During this year the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, has had the best enrollment since 1925-1926—200. Of these, 111 are boarding students and 89 day-students, mostly wives of Seminary students. The 1944 graduating class numbers 46, ten of whom are students' wives.

During the scholastic year, 95 young men and women, sons and daughters of missionaries, have received scholarships from the Margaret fund amounting to \$2,525.

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MUCH PROGRESS MADE AT CHARLESTON

During the ten months that I have been pastor in Charleston the Lord has blessed my feeble efforts in many ways. In spite of the fact that a great number of people have moved away following defense work and a great number of young men and women have gone into the service of their country we have had an ever-increasing number in attendance in Sunday school, B. T. U., and the preaching services. Our Sunday school has shown around one hundred and seventy, out of two hundred and thirty enrolled, in attendance several times during the past two months. Also several have made the remark to me recently that our regular preaching service attendance has been the best that they have ever known. During this time we have had a beautiful spirit of unity and fellowship with one another and with God. From a material viewpoint the Lord has also blessed us in many ways; we have had fifty additions to the church, twenty of which were professions of faith in Christ. In a financial way, in spite of the above mentioned loss our finances have increased month by month. In a comparative way, last year the church contributed six hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$624) to the Cooperative Program. This year beginning in October we increased our per cent to the Cooperative Program from 12½% to 15% and because of increased finances, we have since last October averaged over one hundred dollars per month contributed to this cause. The Lord has surely been good to us. Doxology!

Pastor D. T. Cranford has been released as a chaplain from the navy and resumed his work in Charleston May first. Mrs. Tolar and I are moving on to Louisville, Kentucky, where I will complete my theological study at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.—J. T. Tolar.

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Darling: Enlistment Pastor J. B. Ray has led us in a real spiritual revival. Interest and attendance were greater than for years. There were twelve additions. We rejoice that the health of our pastor, W. E. Lee, is such that he can again be with us for regular services.—Mrs. J. B. Lollar, W. M. S. president.

30 FIGHTERS RECEIVE BAPTISM AT ANZIO

Magnolia Private Is Among Group

Anzio Beachhead in Italy, April 27—(AP)—Thirty veteran American infantrymen were baptized in the cold surf of Anzio beachhead on the eve of their return to the frontline foxholes today. Chaplains said it was the largest ceremony of its kind in this war theater.

Clustered in barefooted groups on the sand with a mine field on one side and practising rifle grenadiers on the other, the soldier-converts sat on steel helmets while Capt. Leroy W. Raley of Cameron, Tex., who had just recovered from a shell splinter wound in his thigh, led them in singing, "I Can Hear My Saviour Calling."

Prayers were offered by Lieut.-Col. William E. King of Kansas City, Mo., and Maj. Robert A. Mathney, formerly a minister in Harlan, Ky.

Capt. Raley immersed 24 Baptists in a white-capped wave and six soldiers of the Methodist faith were sprinkled with sea water by Capt. Loy of Clifton Hall, Mo.

Pvt. Lonnie Mote, Jr., of Magnolia, Miss., was among the group.

Capt. Raley said the soldiers' desire for baptism grew out of a memorial service Sunday for comrades who had died on the beachhead. Seventeen soldiers were baptized that afternoon and the others asked for the opportunity today.

"They feel the need of a greater ideal when they go back to face death," the chaplain said.—Clarion-Ledger.

STRENGTH FOR TODAY

Strength for today, for this we're pleading;

We know not aught of tomorrow,
Except it be another today,

Filled with its joy and its sorrow.

Strength for today, to meet life's trials,

So wearying and persistent;
We watch and wait and oft discover Many dread ills non-existent.

Strength for today, courage for sad hearts

To battle on and never quail;
Though eyes are dimmed and steps may falter,

Give us Thy light that shall not fail.

Strength for today, where e'er the path lead,

We would show forth forbearance sweet;

With kindly words and deeds loud speaking,

Reveal our trust in Thee complete.

ERNEST O. SELLERS,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

M. V. Nix has resigned at Juniper Grove, Pearl River county, and accepted the work at Friendship in Pike county. He succeeds B. T. Bishop, who recently went to Money and Schlater.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



Sansing Scores Again
Brandon Is EVERY FAMILY Church
Number 726

Wherever Gordon Sansing goes so does the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

As expected he recently led Brandon to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. He writes, "We are happy in the response of our people in Brandon so far and one of the things accomplished is the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan."

Rankin county Record readers are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 62; Barefoot 3; BRANDON 39; BRIAR HILL 41; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 75; PUCKETT 37; CONCORD 12; County Line 6; EAS TSIDE 8; Galilee 1; Hickory Ridge 3; Johns 7; LEESBURG 42; MIZPAH 20; MOUNTAIN CREEK 22; OAKDALE 16; PEARSON 21; PELAHATCHIE 64; PISGAH 42; REHOBETH 12; RICHLAND 57; ROCK HILL 14; STEEN'S CREEK 92; UNION 31; Whitfield 1; STAR 41; Coopersville 1; BETHEL 12; LIBERTY 18 and Line Creek 1.

Gunnison Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan
Is Number 730

Robert Martin has come through. Last fall at the association he said that he hoped he would get to lead Gunnison church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and a letter has just come confirming that fact. Since his college days Pastor Martin has been a consistent supporter of The Baptist Record. To him and many other pastors, The Baptist Record is greatly indebted for its consistent growth in circulation.

In sending the Gunnison list, the pastor wrote, "I know that the Record will mean much to the church and hope that the members of these families will be zealous in reading it. I am grateful for the plan that makes it easy for every family to receive it."

Bolivar county now has Record readers listed as follows: Benoit 1; BOYLE 68; CLEVELAND 173; DUNCAN 29; GUNNISON 16; INTERSTATE 56; MERIGOLD 36; MORRISON CHAPEL 26; Pace 8; Providence 8; ROSEDALE 43; SHADY OAK 18; Shaw 11; SHELBY 62; SKENE 40; Stringtown 1 WAXHAW 13; BOLIVAR MISSION 18, and MISSION POINT 25.



WOODROW W. CLARK

Freeny Is In

Is EVERY FAMILY Church No. 732

One of the latest additions to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Freeny church, Leake county. Rev. Woodrow W. Clark of Clinton is pastor. He realizes the need of having informed Baptists and has sent an EVERY FAMILY list of 48 names. Leake county is rapidly becoming one of the best Baptist Record counties in the state.

Pastor Clark, who is completing his work as a senior at Mississippi College, served as a lieutenant in the army, and was retired as a result of injuries received in combat, December 7, 1941. He is pastor at Mt. Carmel, Edinburg, Freeny in Leake county, and Poplar Springs in Newton county.

Leake county now has Record readers as follows: CARTHAGE 72; CEDAR GROVE 42; Dossville 4; FRIENDSHIP (LENA) 66; Hurricane Creek 8; Bethel 1; McDONALD 18; Madden 1; MIDWAY 27; Mt. Carmel 1; New Prospect 5; NEW PROVIDENCE 19; Standing Pine 3; THOMASTOWN 68; TUSCOLA 40; WALNUT GROVE 67; MARS HILL 32; Good Hope 2; County Line 3; Union Ridge 9; MT. PLEASANT 22, and FRENEY 48.

Watts Memorial, Pascagoula
Adds 38 Names

Pastor John F. Brantley of Watts Memorial Baptist Church has sent in a list of 38 names to be added to their EVERY FAMILY list. He states that these are families who came during their recent meeting including a few that have joined since that time. Continuing, Pastor Brantley says: "The Record, we are most sure, is playing a vital part in the rapid growth of our church. In July, 1943, when Second church and Lincoln Avenue consolidated we had together 345 members. Today we have 663. The Lord has blessed us and we are humbled by it."

Daniel Church, Hinds County

Sunday, May 21, was dedication day at Daniel church, located in the suburbs of Jackson. Dr. McCall, State Mission Secretary, preached the dedicatory sermon and we preached at night. Dr. C. S. Thomas has been pastor for only a few months but has already gained a large place in the hearts of his people. Mrs. Thomas is also rendering helpful service. The house was well filled and the attendance figures denote progress.

Hinds county now has Record readers as follows: BETHESDA 48; BOLTON 23; Byram 1; CALVARY

E. C. WILLIAMS
State Sunday School Secretary

State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams. On May 21 he began his twenty-first year with the Sunday School Department. Read the details on the Sunday school page.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted

John M. Stallings, Talleyrand church, Jacksonville, Fla.

William J. Fallis, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

John A. Wray, First, Alexandria, Va.

John C. Hedrick, First, Greenfield, Tenn.

Roscoe Griffin, Citronelle, Ala.

T. L. Hottel, Riverside Drive, Mobile, Ala.

H. S. Inabnit, First, Prichard, Ala.

Dewey Cato, Liberty, Route 2, Warrior, Ala.

J. P. Stockman, First, Orange, Tex.

D. W. Satterfield, Ruhama, near Easley, S. C.

J. W. Goss, Mt. Zion, ear Many, La.

C. H. Camp, Reedy Creek church, Kilpatrick Association, Ga.

Raymond C. Moore, Central church, Gainesville, Ga.

Arthur Farmer, Gaskin City church, Harrisburg, Ill.

Delmas D. Simpson, Grand Cane and Stonewall churches, La.

Waldo Specht, Greensbury, Mo.

Buell T. Wells, Clinton, Ky.

Willard Bright, Versailles, Mo.

R. I. Jones, Farmdale, Louisville, Ky.

Ellis L. Tiffany, Union Star, Mo.

John W. Outland, Trenton church, Trenton, Ky.

Andrew Coltharp, Ocean View church, Norfolk, Va.

Olin Wilson, Brundidge, Ala.

Eugene Howard, Flint Hill, York, S. C.

W. E. Clyde, Heath Spring and Rich Hill, S. C.

J. L. Robinson, Lebanon, Barren Plains, Tenn.

B. F. Hawkins, Park church, Rock Hill, S. C.

Resigned

Arthur Farmer, First, Harnack, Ill.

Vernie Pipes, First, Hobart, Okla.

Rev. James H. Butler, Sunset Park church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, Cowan church,

852; CHAPEL HILL 33; CLINTON 147;

DANIEL 27; DAVIS MEMORIAL 97;

Edwards 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL

332; JACKSON FIRST 461; LEARNED

13; NORTH SIDE JACKSON 105;

POCAHONTAS 21; RAYMOND 62;

SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 53; UTICA

64; NEW HAVEN 22; MT. MORGAN

16; VAN WINKLE 103; TERRY 54;

SALEM 30.

BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE
MEETS IN ATLANTA

The Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention opened in the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., Monday night, May 15, 1944.

Following opening songs and prayer led by Ira C. Prosser, Dr. M. E. Dodd, director of the conference, called for any pastor to give from memory any verse of scripture concerning the Holy Spirit.

This was one of the most inspiring sights that anyone could ever hope to witness, for from all over the huge auditorium ministers stood to quote a verse of scripture. Dr. Dodd led in prayer. H. H. Hobbs brought an inspiring message on "The Holy Spirit," to be followed by Dr. R. C. Campbell, speaking on "America's Moral Slump."

Tuesday Morning

Dr. W. R. White spoke on "Baptist Principles in This Hour" and every person present was spell-bound.

John E. Huss, W. F. Powell and C. Ray Angel spoke respectively on "Making the Most of Prayer Meeting Service," "Making the Most of My Sunday Morning Service," and "Making the Most of My Sunday Night Service."

The program was then brought to a climax when the presidents of our three great and outstanding seminaries spoke from the topic "Preaching For Today's World." Dr. E. D. Head opened by speaking on the spiritual basis for preaching for today's world. He said, "Our preaching must be spiritual." "We must know the Savior." "We cannot preach Christ unless we know Christ." "We must have a spiritual call." "Not just a call to preach, but we must always have His voice with us and we must follow that voice." "We must have a spiritual life." "The minister must work, move on his soul, and less on his sermon, for the soul will produce the sermon." Then there must be "The mastery of the Holy Spirit." "There is nothing wrong with the Holy Spirit, He is here, but we must give ourselves to Him."

Dr. Duke K. McCall spoke on the practical application of today's preaching and he stressed the fact that there is more to preaching than oratory—it is the subject matter that counts. "If we will preach the brotherhood of Christ, if we will lift the world, if we will give the individual his place again, and if we will admit that there is no hope outside of God, then will we be giving the world that which it must have, and that which it is ready to receive."

Lastly, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller spoke on the doctrinal content of today's preaching. "Anything that is taught is doctrine." "Our trouble is that we do not distinguish between true and false doctrine." We can only be certain that a doctrine is true when we know the source of it, and revealed truth is the only source of true doctrine—that which Christ has revealed, and that which the Holy Spirit has revealed. "We must preach these truths: the doctrine of God, the doctrine of sin, and the doctrine of regeneration."

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Elim church, Clarke county, has called C. J. Johnson as pastor.

Cowan, Florida.

Rev. John C. Hedrick, Dickson church, Dickson, Tennessee.

+ INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

We were happy to welcome in Richmond a few days ago, Dr. and Mrs. George Green, who went out to Africa thirty-eight years ago, next January. We used to hear about the deadly climate of West Africa, but the Greens have been out there for thirty-eight years, raised a family of four fine daughters, the youngest of whom is graduating from Meredith College this spring, and are looking younger than most people of their age who have remained in America. Dr. and Mrs. Green left Lagos, on a British plane, Saturday morning, April 22, after attending the sessions of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, and three and one-half days later landed in Baltimore, with a twenty-four hour layover in Bermuda on account of weather. En route from West Africa to America, they ate supper, Saturday evening, in Bathurst and breakfast the next morning in Brazil. Dr. Green has done a glorious work these thirty-eight years as a medical missionary, not only healing the bodies of men, but winning thousands to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

We have received a copy of the following petition signed by the Magistrate, Chief of Police, Postmaster, chairman Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner of Maritime Customs, Wuchow, Kwangsi, China, addressed to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., through the American Ambassador to Chungking: "That you grant Dr. Eugene Hill of Oklahoma permission to return to China as soon as possible. Dr. Hill has had much experience in doing relief work among our people in Canton, and now we desire his services in this section of Free China, in order that he may take over the duties now carried by Mr. Rex Ray who is being ordered back to U. S. A. by his physician."

The International Missionary Council announces that the candidates committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies is considering plans in co-operation with the Christian International Service and the British Council of Churches to secure one thousand recruits for missionary service and for the various missionary societies. There is first of all, a call to prayer. There will be a greater need for missionaries after this war than ever before.

A cable was received in Richmond on May 5 from Miss Lorene Tilford, advising that she and her associates, Miss Auris Pender, Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Wilma Weeks, Miss Lucy Wright and Miss Jessie Green, had arrived in India, en route to Free China. M. W. Rankin has arrived at Kwangsi, China.

The Foreign Mission Board received a cable a few days ago from Dr. R. E. Beddoe, Kweilin, China, advising that Greene Strother, Grace Stribling, Katie Murray and Addie Cox had escaped from Chengchow which has been overrun by the Japanese.

William Jewell College is honoring both that institution and Dr. M. T. Rankin in conferring on him, May,

22, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, likewise of China, will receive from Oklahoma Baptist University, this month, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church of Richmond, of which Dr. R. Aubrey Williams is pastor, recently gave \$1,000 for relief. Full preparation had been made for the occasion and after a message by Miss Inabelle Coleman, the ushers were stationed at the doors to receive the offering. Our Baptist people respond to such calls when they are informed and given an opportunity.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board submitted to the Atlanta Convention, shows that the total income for the current work of the Board for 1943 was \$1,530,318.48. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1942 (received in 1943) brings the income of the Board to \$2,116,805.46. The relief work done by Southern Baptists, from December 1937 to March 1, 1944, totals \$1,340,820.14.

During the past year there were seventy additions to the Olivet Baptist Church in Hawaii served by Missionary Victor Koon. Forty-nine of these were received by baptism. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Olivet reached a total of \$1,189.40.

God and Man in Missions (Broadman Press, 25c) an 83-page booklet by Dr. W. O. Carver, is packed full of scriptural teaching concerning world missions. Here are the chapter titles: Why God Made the World; Why God Called Israel; Why God Lets His Servant Suffer; The Son of Man Under the Burden of Mankind; Worldwide Christianity. Here are some quotations: "Election is selection—choice—for a purpose." "If—then: About that correlation hang all the great promises of the Gospel for the servants of God in Christ. If we seek His Kingdom and His righteousness, then all needed things will be added." "The church, through nineteen centuries, has tried the patience of God and His Christ. He keeps right on waiting and calling. He will not fail nor be discouraged until he has set justice in the earth." We who are the people of Christ today stand in line of this succession of divine purpose and of human failure. As never before in the world's history the stage is set for worldwide witness. What of us? Will the Christians of today fail the expectant Christ? Shall we see the day of our opportunity? Will the world of our day go down in ruin as did the world of other times, because the people of God are not ready and willing in the day of His preparation and of His power? We are, for our generation and for the waiting peoples of our world, the bearers of the purpose of God in human history."

We quote a paragraph from Dr. Maddry's report to the Convention: "During the ninety-nine years since our fathers launched this foreign mission enterprise, we have passed through the War Between the States, three foreign wars, and are now in the

midst of a global conflict such as the world has never seen. No man can foresee or foretell the future. We know not what the unfolding years have in store for this Board and its work, but we believe in the eternal and unchanging purpose of God to bring this prodigal and lost world back to himself, through the atoning mercy of a crucified, risen and reigning Lord. To this supreme and challenging task your Foreign Mission Board wholly commits itself now in the midst of insane and wasting war, and for that glorious and compelling century that lies just ahead."

The Link, published monthly by the Servicemen's Christian League, tells the story of an American soldier stationed in Mesopotamia Valley who wanted to advise his family of his location. Knowing that the censor would never pass the word "Mesopotamia," he wrote home: "I reckon Abraham was a wise guy to get out of this place as soon as he could, even if he didn't know where he was going." The officer, ignorant of Abraham's country, let the message go through.

The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., adopted a budget of \$2,961,000 for the year beginning October 1. This represents an increase of \$260,000 over the preceding year.

One hundred missionaries representing various denominations were rescued in the Hollandia area of New Guinea. Twenty-three of them were brought out of the hills on stretchers and all of them were suffering from privations.

Dr. Maddry has received a beautiful letter from Mrs. Herman C. E. Liu whose sainted husband was, before his martyrdom, president of the University of Shanghai. She writes from Chungking that the University of Shanghai, School of Commerce, has reopened in Chungking, sharing the building with the Law School of Soochow University. Thousands of students have enrolled in both institutions. She writes: "It is such a delight to see how eager the young people are to learn and accept the Christian teaching we have been able to give to them. These students are mostly business men and women and they study after office hours."

Enon church will have preaching services each fourth Sunday at 12:30 o'clock, with Pastor J. H. Sherman in charge.—Mrs. Clester Ledbetter.

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RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, God in His wisdom has seen fit to call home the brother of our beloved Brother W. L. McGahey; THEREFORE, be it resolved that we the Board of Deacons of Calvary Baptist Church extend to Brother McGahey and family our sincere sympathy in their great loss and commend them to our Christ who is able to supply their every need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be given the family, a copy to The Baptist Record for publication, and a copy spread on the record of the board.

OSCAR CARLISLE,
W. R. BUTTER,
J. E. GRAHAM.
—BR—

J. Q. GRAVES

On the evening of May 6th, the death angel visited the home of Bro. J. Q. Graves, and kissed his eyelids down in sleep. He had lived about five miles south of Jackson, on the Terry road, for 32 years. In 1901 he was married to Miss Queen Corban. God blessed this union with seven children, all of whom, together with their mother, survive. One son is serving with the U. S. Marines in the South Pacific. Bro. Graves was a charter member of the Daniel Baptist Church and remained a member there until his death.

For five years he had been in failing health, and for the last nine months prior to his death, he had been confined to his bed. With great fortitude he bore his afflictions and sought to make his life a blessing to the many friends who visited him during his illness. Perhaps the largest floral offering ever given in this community, and the largest attendance at the funeral was evidence of the many friends he left behind.

We commend the family to Him who said: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord, who are called according to His purpose." And we shall expect to meet again in the Sweet Bye and Bye.

C. S. THOMAS.

—BR—
GIFTS GO DEEPER THAN
LEND-LEASE

E. C. Carter, president of Russian War Relief, said that a recent trip to the Soviet Union confirmed reports that the Russians warmly and sincerely appreciate American aid and are anxious to strengthen friendly relations. He quoted a Soviet official who told him: "Russian War Relief does something that the wonderful material received from lend-lease cannot possibly do. Our people look to it as a 'plus,' a message of cheer coming from the hearts of the friendly American people."

The revival meeting at Stonewall will be May 28-June 2nd. The Rev. Lowrey Compere will do the preaching. Services each morning at 9:30 and each evening at 7:45.

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SOUTH'N BAPTIST CONVENTION
(Continued from Page Five)
Social Service Commission 1,000.00
Committee on Baptist History 1,000.00
Note: Convention expenses and expenses of special committees ordered by Convention.

2. That 8 per cent of the receipts of the Co-operative Program hitherto applied to debt service be set aside to provide for this budget.

3. That the Executive Committee of the Convention administer the funds of the Operating Budget.

Recommendation No. 7:

Distribution of Co-operative Program Funds for 1945

(1) Percentages of Southwide causes:
Foreign Mission Board 49%
Home Mission Board 21%
*Relief and Annuity Board 14 9/10%
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1/5%
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1/5%
Baptist Bible Institute 4 1/5%
American Baptist Theological Seminary 1 1/2%
W. M. U. Training School 1%

Total 100%
(2) Special offerings of Sunday schools:

The special offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, taken in March of each year are divided by action of the Conventions as follows:

Home Missions 32%
Foreign Missions 68%
Total 100%

*Of the 14 9/10 per cent allocated to the Relief and Annuity Board, 9 9/10 per cent must be used by the Board in servicing the Old Annuity Plan. The Convention agrees to continue this allocation until the Old Annuity Fund is completely funded.

Recommendation No. 8:

A RESERVE FUND FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Whereas the Convention has passed through a struggle of more than twenty years with debts, the payment of which made a heavy drain upon the funds of the Convention and resulted in curtailment of current work, and

Whereas all old debts of the Convention and its agencies have been paid, we believe that the Convention should stabilize its work by building up a reserve equal to one year's expenditure—approximately \$4,000,000.00.

We recommend:

1. That the Convention plan such a reserve.

2. That the reserve be built up in the following manner:

(1) By starting the reserve with the \$48,738.42 on hand in funds left over from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club campaign.

(2) By the Sunday School Board paying into the fund at least \$5,000.00 a month.

(3) By the Southern Baptist Hospital paying into the fund at least ten per cent of its net earnings.

(4) By placing in the reserve any amount on hand in the Operating Budget of the Convention at the end of each year, after payment of all bills, and after reserving a reasonable balance to start the new year.

(5) By placing in the reserve, year by year, all receipts from the Co-operative Program after each and every agency has received the full amount of its approved budget, in-

cluding its contingent fund and its own reserve fund.

(6) By other approved methods.

3. That the reserve fund shall be held by the Executive Committee and that no disbursements of the reserve fund shall be made except by specific authority and instruction of the Convention; except in dire emergency the Executive Committee shall make a reasonable appropriation for the emergency.

Dr. Frank Tripp of Alabama offered a minority report which follows:

Because of our cordial disagreement with the recommendations Sections 6, 7 and 8 contained in the majority report of the Executive Committee to this Convention, we respectfully and fraternally report:

Section 6—OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

While we are in agreement with the recommendation that the Convention set up its own operating budget, we do not concur in the method by which the committee proposes to provide funds for such a budget. And in lieu thereof, recommend the following:

1. That the Convention set up its own operating budget which shall include all the expenses of the now existing committees and commissions, and such other items of expense as may be authorized by the Convention, from time to time.

2. That funds for the Convention's operating budget be provided in the following manner:

(1) Three per cent of the undivided receipts of the Co-operative Program.

(2) That the Sunday School Board be requested to transfer monthly \$5,000.00 of its net earnings to the Convention's budget.

(3) That the Operating Budget for the ensuing Convention year be as follows:

Executive Committee \$40,000.00

Baptist Brotherhood 20,000.00

Education Commission 4,800.00

Baptist World Alliance 4,000.00

Printing and mailing of annual and other Convention expense 10,000.00

Social Service Commission 1,000.00

Committee on Baptist History 1,000.00

Expenses of special committees and other miscellaneous expense 3,000.00

Note: And all other expenses not listed but authorized by the Convention.

(4) That the Executive Committee administer the funds of the Convention's Operating Budget.

Section 7—RECOMMENDED PERCENTAGES.

To provide additional funds for the Relief and Annuity Board:

1. All undistributed receipts of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

2. Five per cent of the undivided

receipts of the Co-operative Program

until sufficient funds have accrued to

the Relief and Annuity Board with

which the Board can service its Old

Relief contracts.

1945 Percentages

Foreign Mission Board 50%

Home Mission Board 23 1/3%

Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary 4 4/9%

Southwestern Theological

Seminary 4 4/9%

Baptist Bible Institute 4 4/9%

American Baptist Theological

Seminary 2%

Relief and Annuity Board 10 1/3%

W. M. U. Training School 1%

Section 8—A RESERVE FUND FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVEN-

TION.

We recommend that no Convention reserve fund be established and built up for the following reasons:

1. It would be in violation of the Convention's business and financial plan developed by the Executive Committee, and adopted by the Convention on the committee's recommendation. Section 10 of the Business and Financial Plan provides that: "Each chartered agency of this Convention shall set up as soon as possible, a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both. The maximum amount of contingent reserve of any agency shall be determined by the agency, subject to the approval of this Convention."

2. Because we believe the agencies of the Convention are competent to set up and administer their own reserve fund under the provision of the Business and Financial Plan adopted by the Convention May 8, 1939.

Recommendation

We recommend that the agencies of the Convention be requested to set up their own reserve funds as provided for in the Business and Financial Plan and that said agencies be requested to submit to the Convention annually a complete audit of their reserve fund which audit shall include the amount of the reserve and how it is invested.

The minority report was adopted.

Wednesday Afternoon

The report on Southern Baptist papers was read by Editor Tinnin of Louisiana. Dr. Louie D. Newton, as chairman of the Committee on Circulation, reported that circulation of Southern Baptist state papers had increased from 190,683 in 1940 (when the committee was appointed) to 459,052 as of March 23, 1944. Each editor was introduced and asked to give the circulation of his paper. The Baptist Record reported a circulation of 41,095 as of May 15.

Secretary Hight C. Moore, North Carolina, presented memorials of former Vice Presidents A. J. Barton and C. A. Jones, who died since the meeting of the last Convention.

Over his protest Dr. Pat M. Neff of Texas was unanimously re-elected president. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Georgia; second vice-president, Dr. Wm. Harrison Williams, of North Carolina; senior recording secretary, Dr. Hight C. Moore, of North Carolina (for the 32nd time); associate secretary, Dr. Henry J. Burnette of North Carolina.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, gave their report and introduced Harold Ingraham, business manager; J. O. Williams, head of the Education and Promotion Division; W. R. White, of the Editorial Division, who spoke about the growth, purpose and challenge of the Sunday School Board.

Endorse Bible Society

Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, Texas, Associate District Secretary, gave the report on the American Bible Society. Dr. W. R. White offered a resolution endorsing the work of the society. Both the report and resolution were adopted.

Chairman J. W. McCall, Tennessee, presented the report of the Committee on Boards. Chairman Harwell G. Davis, Alabama, presented the committees to serve for next year. John A. Davison, Alabama, presented the

following amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted:

Amendment to Article XIII of the Constitution by adding the words "with the exception of the Southern Baptist Foundation which shall have the authority to receive and invest funds given or bequeathed to the Foundation, and to distribute dividends or earnings of the Foundation in accordance with the instruction of the donors or of the Convention."

Moved:

That a committee comprised of the president of the Convention and the secretaries of its boards and agencies be appointed to set up the Foundation and select its members.

W. H. Knight, Louisiana, presented the report on Evangelism.

Chairman L. E. Barton, Alabama, presented the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws. (Editor's note: The report was published in The Baptist Record of May 11.)

E. P. Alldredge, Tennessee, and a number of others offered substitute motions, which were discussed. Finally a substitute motion to re-commit the matter to the same committee with the addition of E. P. Alldredge and the chairman of the Executive Committee, to report at the next session of the Convention, was adopted.

Wednesday Night

Every person present was filled with a worshipful spirit. The platform had 100 or more army and navy chaplains, many of whom had seen over-seas duty. On the right side, at the front of the platform, was a United States Flag, with a navy lieutenant standing at attention at its side. On the left side, there was a Christian Flag, with an army lieutenant standing at attention at its side. With this setting, Dr. Alfred Carpenter presented the program on chaplains and camp work. Second Lieut. Eleanor Collie, Chaplain Roy H. Parker, and Chaplain Ernest L. Ackiss spoke briefly, the last two mentioning and stressing the scope of the chaplains' work.

The second part of the Wednesday evening session was in charge of Dr. J. B. Lawrence. He introduced Dr. B. D. Gray, ex-secretary of the Home Mission Board for 25 years, who briefly stated the greatness of "being out of debt." Dr. Lawrence stated that the Home Mission Board was not going to make any promises that would burden it in coming years, but that they will continue to operate on a cash basis. The Board has even larger plans for Home Missions, and they work for the day when every mission field will have a missionary.

Noble Y. Beall presented the presidents of Spelman and Morehouse Colleges. A Negro choir from these institutions, directed by Prof. Kemper Harrell, rendered a special number, "I'll Turn Back No More."

Country Church Featured

Dr. Courts Redford spoke on the country church. He is assistant secretary of the Board, and he stressed that about one-half of the world came from and in country churches. Dr. S. F. Dowis, superintendent of City Missions, spoke and explained the city mission program, explaining that we had such work in 28 cities.

The report of the Education Commission was made by the President of Mercer University, Dr. Spight Dowell, who told the Convention of the development in our schools and outlined the problems and plans which we have today. He mentioned the out-

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Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

GALLEY 48—BAPTIST RECORD — B T U NOTES

Bolton Training Exceeds Church Membership

Perhaps not another church in the Southern Baptist Convention can report that the membership of their Training Union is larger than the church membership. This is true of the Bolton church. They have a church membership of 70 and a Training Union enrollment of 72. The church is only six years old, and the Training Union has been organized since the first of this year. In the five months they have been organized they



have had three study courses with the majority of the members taking the work. Dr. A. A. Kitchens is the pastor and Mr. Frank Ingram is the director. Congratulations to these fine leaders, and to the members making up this enthusiastic union.

Awards And New Unions For April

April was a good month for us in both number of awards sent out and also in new unions organized. We issued 1,845 awards as follows—Administration, 32; Adults, 468; Young People, 335; Intermediates, 471; Juniors, 539. You will note the Juniors led, Intermediates second, Adults coming third. During the month seven churches asked for literature for 21 newly organized unions.

WE WANT THE NAME OF EVERY CHURCH THAT HAS ORGANIZED A UNION SINCE JANUARY 1st THAT DID NOT ALREADY HAVE A UNION AT THAT TIME. You will oblige us greatly if you will give us this information. We are anxious to know just how many churches have either begun for the first time or have re-started training union work in the church this year. **OUR GOAL FOR THE YEAR IS 100 NEW CHURCHES WITH UNIONS.** We need this information by JUNE 1st, so please send it in TODAY.

We're In a Revival

Tune—Sweeping This Way (or Looking This Way).
We're in a revival, we're in it today;

WHY PREACHERS RESIGN

"Hello, Martha. How are you this morning? How is the baby? We are all fine, thank you. I just called you in regard to the rummage sale we are putting on Saturday. We have rented the vacant building right next to the pool hall and I am sure that we can take in at least fifty dollars which our society needs badly.

"How does Dr. Jones feel about it? That is a foolish question, my dear. After all of the arguments which our women have had with him, you should know that he is "agin" it. His arguments are so silly. One of the women approached him about it last week and he blew up. He said, 'The God I serve is not a beggar and His kingdom doesn't have to be financed by the sale of old clothes.' Did you ever hear of anything so silly? He said, too, that the only way to finance the Lord's work was by tithes and offerings. That sounds all right but it just won't work. Why, suppose James and I were to tithe. It would cost us twenty-five dollars a month. We just couldn't afford it. James belongs to Kiwanis and I belong to the Sew and Chatter Club. We belong to the Country Club, too, and all of those things cost money. We give to the Red Cross and a dollar every Christmas for the tuberculosis seal campaign. We are buying war bonds.

"What did you say? That you don't like to go ahead with the pastor opposed? Well, my attitude is this: Who is he anyway to try to run the women's work? You know what I

SOLDIER APPRECIATES HIS CHRISTIAN HOME

Pvt. Ray McDonald, somewhere in England, a native of Moselle, Miss., thinks? I'll bet my new mink coat that his wife sent his fishing pants to the last rummage sale. That reminds me. We brought up the fact that there are so many colored people in the community who will be benefitted by the rummage sale—people who can't afford to buy good clothes. You know what the pastor said? He was quite rude about it. He said: 'If you want to help the colored people that why, who not gather up all of the serviceable clothing that has been discarded and GIVE it to the colored people?' I am certainly provoked at him."

"You say that you think the sale is justified because there are some women who can't give any other way? The pastor was told that, too, and he said that if there was anyone in the church who actually did not have one cent to give that the Lord knew all about it and did not expect anything from that one at all. Oh, he is a shrewd man and hard to get around in an argument. But we have made up our minds to have the rummage sale even before we talked with the pastor, so what he thought about it really had nothing to do with it.

"By the way, dearie, you might bring down that atrocious hat you bought last week. We could sell it for a quarter. Well, good-bye, I'll see you next to the pool hall Saturday morning."—Baptist New Mexican.

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

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Arranged by Miss Marguerite Hill, counselor for the Young People's Union, Lowrey Memorial church, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Glad to have a splendid report of the study course the Derma church had several weeks ago. Mrs. Ernest E. Barton, director of the Union, reports a very helpful week, fine interest and a real climax on Friday night. Study makes the work grow lighter.

Second Church Biloxi Organizes B. A.

The good work continues as church after church adds the Adult Union to their list. We are happy to add a newly organized Adult Union to our list from Second church, Biloxi. Mr. Walter Stohler, director of the Training Union of this church, makes the report, and says—"The Lord is blessing us beyond all that we can ever thank Him for." Rev. E. S. Flint is the pastor and works right along with the director in this great work.

The District Conventions

Planning to go? A good place to meet friends, a good place to make new friends, a good place to spend a profitable day giving and getting spiritual help. The conventions begin promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and run through a night session. Story Hour Bible Stories alone will be worth going to hear. The Junior Memory Work, the Intermediate Sword Drill, the Young People's Speaking, the practical conferences, the good music, the two messages from Miss Caldwell, these will contribute to the day's happiness and profit. Why rob yourself of these high hours? Come with us. The work that can keep you away will wait a day—it would should you get sick—so lay it aside and come along, make your contribution. Corinth, June 5; Blue Mountain, June 6; Mathiston, June 7; Louisville, June 8; Pachuta, June 9; Laurel, June 12; Mt. Olive, June 13; Picayune, June 14; Brookhaven, June 15; Vicksburg, June 16; Mizpah, Rankin county, June 19; Sallis, June 20; Inverness, June 21; Friendship No. 2 Tallahatchie county, June 22; Crowder, June 23.

Bay Springs Enjoys Mrs. J. C. Greenoe For a Week

Bay Springs had a successful training school two weeks ago with Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg serving as director. The Juniors had their class work in the afternoon, the Intermediates at night. An adult union was organized with Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker as president. Mrs. Greenoe reports a good, busy week, and says a word of appreciation for the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Sumrall.

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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

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These Twenty Years

On May 21, 1924, we began our work with the Sunday School Department. Therefore, on the 20th of this month we completed 20 years with this department.

Twenty years! It hardly seems possible that it has been that long. But it has. Twenty years!

How good the Lord has been to us during these years! So patient, so gentle, so kind, so helpful in pointing the way so many times, so loving, so forgiving, so reassuring. We wish to record here our very sincere and deeply humble thanks to God for all He has done for us these twenty years. Surely, without this divine help, it all would have been worse than folly and would have ended in direful defeat. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gifts so freely given.

Our Fellow Helpers

How unusually blest we have been in those who have been our fellow-helpers during these years! What a great group of God's servants we have had the joy and delight of serving with! Do you know them? Well, here they are:

Of course, that peer of us all, Mr. J. E. Byrd, who was secretary of the Sunday School Department from the first Sunday in December, 1903, until his death October 21, 1937—within about seven weeks of being 34 years. As a teacher, speaker, preacher, conference leader, promoter, he was in a class all to himself. We shall never cease to be grateful for the many valuable lessons learned in close contact with this faithful and devoted servant of God.

Wyatt R. Hunter, from June 1, 1924, to September 1, 1934, and now Rev. Wyatt R. Hunter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.

Howard E. Spell, from June 1, 1924, to September 1, 1925, and now Dr. Howard E. Spell, head of the Department of Christianity, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Merrill D. Moore, from January 1, 1926, to September 1, 1926, and now Dr. Merrill D. Moore, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Loyd Garland, from February, 1927, to February, 1931, and now Rev. Loyd Garland, pastor at Union Point, Ga.

John A. Farmer, from June, 1937, to March 1, 1943, and now Secretary John A. Farmer of the Sunday School and Training Union Department of Southern California.

Miss Minnie Brown, our first Elementary secretary, who was with the department when we came and served until failing health forced her retirement in 1927.

Miss Juanita Byrd, from June, 1928, to August, 1929, when she went to China as a missionary, and now studying in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Anna Vera Cameron, from September 1929 to July 1935, and now Mrs. B. T. Riddle, a pastor's wife in Texas.

Miss Ruby Taylor, from March 1, 1936, to August 31, 1940, and now Mrs. Willis A. Brown, wife of Chaplain Willis A. Brown now in England.

Mrs. P. C. French has been the faithful and helpful office secretary for all these twenty years, having come to the department in January before we did in May.

Miss Carolyn Madison, the present Elementary secretary, has served since October, 1940.

To each of these we express sincerest thanks for helpful suggestions, kindly cooperation, thoughtful consideration, and patient endurance. What a noble group of fellow-servants in the Lord!

Others

Then, to all the pastors, officers, teachers, and many others, who have been our helpful and faithful friends, we give thanks for every help given, for every kind word spoken, for every well-wish tendered, for every prayer uttered. These friendships have made the work so much easier and have greatly lightened the work along the trail of the years. Thank you, one and all.

The Places

The places? Well, all of them, that is, all kinds of them. We have had the joy of going to the largest city churches, the big town churches, the small town churches, the village churches, the rural churches. It has always been a delight to go where God's people are for service and worship and study and training, no matter about the location.

We have been in every county in the state, traveled over practically every mile of every railroad, nearly all of the highways, many of the country roads, and walked over many hills and valleys on by-paths. And we are grateful for these helpful experiences of these twenty years in trying to serve in a great and good cause.

At Baptist Headquarters

And where in all the world could one go to find a finer group to work with than those in the various departments at the Baptist headquarters in Jackson? It just could not be done. They are the finest.

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THE RIGHT OF LIBERTY

By R. H. Daniels

At first sight the advance of Paul to the Colossians (Col. 2:16) may seem to conflict with the principle of generosity laid down in I Corinthians: "If meat maketh my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh forevermore, that I make not my brother to stumble." But a closer examination of the two cases will show that they differ essentially:

I. Consideration for the weak must be distinguished from yielding to the tyranny of the bigoted.

1. It is weak brethren whom St. Paul spares in his Epistle to the Corinthians. But, writing to the Colossians he has in view a very different class—censorious, bigoted enemies of Christian liberty. Such men should be opposed.

2. In the former case the concession was voluntary. Paul spoke of his own action, freely adopted. Here, however, it is not a case of generous concession on the part of the more liberal, but one of tyrannical assumption on that of the more bigoted. This case may be illustrated by Paul's vigorous resistance to the attempts made by certain professed Christians at Jerusalem to compel the circumcision of Titus (Gal. 2:3-5).

II. It is our positive duty to maintain the rights of liberty. We may be tempted to yield out of love of peace, or from an unselfish feeling of generosity. But this is more than a mistake, it is a fault. Several reasons concur to forbid us to yield to the judgment of the bigoted in these matters.

1. The claims of truth. If we believe that our position is the right one, to renounce it will be to sacrifice truth.

2. The honor of Christ. If we renounce the freer, larger gospel for a cramped and mutilated one, we dishonor the name of Christ. For His sake the broad generosity and liberal spirituality of Christianity must be maintained.

3. The performance of our own duty. We do not serve God as well when our liberty is fettered by the interference of the narrow-minded as when we follow our conscience without such restraints.

4. The good of our fellow-man... We are put in trust of the gospel for our fellow-man. Let us beware of traitorous efforts to rob it of its richest treasures (Gal. 2:5).

RELIGION GOES "ON TOUR" WITH CIRCUS

Cleveland—(RNS)—When the Mills Bros. circus goes on tour this month it will be opened every afternoon and evening with prayer. On Sundays the "big top" will be converted into a church for the performers and the townspeople wherever the show may pitch its tents.

The circus chaplain will be W. R. Waddell, known throughout the circus sawdust trail as "Doc" Waddell, an 81-year-old evangelist, who was reared in circus, show, and fairground life. His home is in Columbus, Ohio, but he generally signs hotel registers as "Doc" Waddell from 'Everywhere.'

The owner of the circus, Jack Mills, who lives here, said there would be no collections and no salary for the pastor. But the circus will furnish the chaplain with transportation and food.

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SOUTH'N BAPTIST CONVENTION

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standing progress of our seminaries and said that the total enrollment was 1890—a 286 increase over last year, and the largest enrollment in the history of our schools. Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the North Carolina Biblical Recorder, spoke to the report and stated that Southern Baptists had before them a great challenge in their Education Program. The report was adopted.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge spoke concerning the American Theological Seminary. He introduced Dr. Warren of Tennessee who offered a resolution that the American Theological Seminary be given permission to begin a drive to get \$150,000 in order that they might erect some necessary buildings, and improve their present buildings. This request was granted by the Convention. Dr. Ralph Walls Wiley, newly elected president of the American Seminary spoke briefly stating that he would do all within his power to build the right kind of a seminary. The report of the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education was presented by Dr. Ryland Knight of Georgia, who stated that the great problem in Negro churches is the lack of education on the part of the Negro ministers. The following recommendations of the committee were then discussed:

Plan Help For Negro Baptists

1. That the Southern Baptist Convention urge upon the Home Mission Board that it enlarge its program on behalf of Negro Ministerial Education, and 2. That they recommend to the American Baptist Theological Seminary that:

(1) They request the Northern Baptist Convention to join in the maintenance and control of the Seminary, and

(2) That they request the appointment of a committee to study the needs of the Seminary.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge of Tennessee amended the recommendation by asking that the second recommendation be omitted from the report, on the grounds that he did not believe that the Northern Baptists were interested in such a Seminary, and on the ground that he believed that we would be foolish to give our Seminary which we have built to another party, who had not even suggested interest in it. And stated that the Commission of which he was a member was already studying and planning for the Seminary and had been doing so all along. Those who made the recommendations then realized the sentiments of the Convention, and withdrew the second one as Dr. Alldredge amended.

The next part of the morning session was turned over to the presidents of our three Seminaries who reported the progress and the condition of the seminaries. Reports showed that each Seminary was out of debt and that each had the largest enrollment in their history.

Missionary Foundations Are Seminaries

Dr. Duke McCall, president of B. B. I., gave an address on Theological Education pointing out the three reasons why theological education has not been given the attention needed. First, that the alumni had been depended upon to support the schools financially and that others had forgotten or neglected to do so. Second, we have been interested in Missions, "which is fine," but we have not realized that our seminaries must

be supported first, in order that we might have missionaries to send. Third, it is hard to make education a thing that is desired and a thing that is appreciated.

The report of the Radio Committee was made by Dr. S. F. Lowe of Georgia, chairman, and Dr. R. C. Campbell spoke briefly on the report, bringing out the importance of the work. The recommendations of the committee printed in the book of reports were then published by the committee as follows (briefed):

1. That the work be turned over to a regular permanent committee, that the Constitution be amended accordingly,—that the committee be authorized to employ necessary leadership to carry on their work.

2. That a sum of \$52,000 be provided for the work, beginning July 1, 1944.

3. That the committee study radio needs of whole Convention.

4. That the Convention secretary write letters of appreciation to all of the stations carrying the Baptist Hour series. Their amendments were adopted.

Dr. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., then addressed the Convention on "My Church Today." He gave a challenge to every minister that our churches today must be like the church which Christ built. Dr. Johnson's address was one of the high hours of the Convention and will be published in a later issue.

Thursday Afternoon

In presenting the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, Dr. Louis J. Bristow, superintendent gave a history of the hospital and stated that now after 20 years the Southern Baptist Convention owned, debt free, a two million dollar institution. Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board stated that his board was now 21 years old and financially in position to care for every Southern Baptist preacher through the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

Dr. T. V. McCall, Florida, made a motion that the Convention request the Executive Committee to suggest and set up a definite centennial financial goal for the ensuing Convention year for post-war needs, the amount to be not less than five million, the method or plan for raising this amount to be projected and promoted by the Executive Committee, and the amount raised to be allocated to our Southern Baptist Board and agencies as per the percentage bases of the Convention year of 1944-1945. The motion was passed.

Protest "Tithe Tax"

Dr. Edwin S. Preston, Conway, Ark., moved that the Convention register the protest against the trend in current federal tax legislation which would tax the tithe and would threaten private and denominational educational and eleemosynary institutions by lowering in practical result the present 15% exemption allowed heretofore for gifts to churches and charitable causes. Motion passed.

A recommendation that pastors and churches in the Southern Baptist Convention work for the "defense and protection of all the civil rights" of Negroes was placed before the Convention by the Social Service Commission. Another recommendation offered by the same agency took a firm stand against legalized liquor, and urged Christians to participate in local option elections, since such elections form "one of the surest ways toward the deliverance of our country from the curse of alcoholism and to-

ward bringing about national prohibition."

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the Social Service Commission, who presented the recommendations, said his group had not flinched on either issue—the race question, or the liquor situation.

Terms Problem Acute

"In view of the increasing acuteness of the race problem within the nation, and especially in the South," the recommendation began, "and the danger which crouches at our doors, that we shall be guilty of un-Christian attitudes and actions, we recommend that the Convention reaffirm and lay upon the hearts of the Baptists of the South the resolutions adopted at the 1941 Convention:

1. That we reaffirm our deep and abiding interest in the welfare of all races of mankind, and particularly our interest in the welfare and advancement of the Negro race, which lives in our midst to the number of some 10 or 11 millions.

2. That this Convention would urge the pastors and churches affiliated with the Convention, and all our Baptist people, to cultivate and maintain the finest Christian spirit and attitude toward the Negro race, to do everything possible for the welfare of the race, both economic and religious, and for the defense and protection of all civil rights of the race."

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., then gave an address on "My Church Tomorrow," in which he stated our church tomorrow must hold dear and true to type of church Christ founded, and that we must do even more in being better prepared; in having a more aggressive program and in cooperating as we have never cooperated before. (Editor's note: We hope to publish this sermon at a later date.)

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report:

Time: May 8, 1945.

Place: Atlanta, Georgia.

Preacher: Dr. J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla. Alternate: Dr. Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dr. E. H. Pruden presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations and Dr. W. O. Carver spoke to the report, bringing out the fact that we must work for religious freedom. Dr. Carver also presented the report of the Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History. He stated that three histories are now being prepared: The History of Southern Baptists Since 1845, by Dr. W. W. Barnes; A Graded Series of Historical Volumes, by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, and the History of the Foreign Mission Board by Dr. George W. Paschal.

Thursday Night

Dr. E. L. Carnett of Louisiana read the report of the Committee on Church Music and Worship. The report recommended that the Convention instruct the Sunday School Board to increase its department of church music. This was adopted. Dr. Carnett then suggested that in view of the fact that the Sunday School Board had a department of music that the Committee on Church Music and Worship be discontinued. The motion passed and President Neff said that he had never seen so much harmony in a music department before.

A special committee named a year ago, with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as chairman, to write for this session a statement of Baptist principles, asked that an additional year be given the committee for study and preparation of the paper. Dr. Fuller said that pres-



Correct answers on page 14.

1. Most all of us have heard the expression "they are at their wit's end." If you were asked where it originated, how would you reply? *

2. When Malachi said, "Will a man rob God?" he was talking to what we might term "backsliders." Where in the Bible does he answer their question? *

3. When Jesus raised the daughter of Jarius from the dead, He said, "Talitha, cumi," (Mark 5:41). Where in the Bible did an apostle raise a dead woman with practically the same words? *

4. A further analysis of Old Testament books number 11 up to and including 14.

ent conditions and imminent changes within the coming months warrant delay in the issuance of a statement. This is especially true, he said, since next Convention session will be a centennial anniversary, affording better opportunity for a Baptist statement of fundamental principles.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove of Texas reported for the Committee on Preparation for Post-War Missions. He urged:

(1) A Southwide revival; (2) A Southwide Stewardship revival; (3) Education program to educate our own people for Baptist work, and (4) Prayer.

Dr. J. M. Dawson of Texas in presenting the report of the Committee on Call to Prayer for a Just and Righteous Peace, stated that we must have a peace based on Christian principles and that we must not be isolationists.

President Neff then introduced Governor Arnall, Georgia's Baptist governor, who presented Governor J. M. Broughton, of North Carolina. His address was another of the high hours of the Convention.

Decry Sabbath Desecration

Declaring isolationism and pacifism are not tenets of Christianity, Governor Broughton said that Christians should go "all-out" for their country in the present war, and protect America as a land of Christian opportunity. He expressed alarm at the growing disregard of the Sabbath, citing the fact that a factory head recently said that he could get more work done by the same men in six days than in seven.

"The prince of Peace by His teaching and example demonstrated that honor and decency and liberty and righteousness are things worth fighting for," the Governor said. "He, Himself, drew the lash when the occasion required. He recognized that peace can only be had when conditions essential for true and lasting peace are obtained. He also perceived that the struggle for these convictions might mean battle and bloodshed. Privilege, oppression, greed and intolerance have never been willing to surrender without a struggle."

Accordingly, Broughton continued, the Christian in this present hour may and in all good conscience should give every aid and support to his country in this war.

"If ever in all history there was a war in which the Christian could wholeheartedly participate, this is it," the Governor asserted. "Forces of evil—Nazi, fascist and pagan—are seeking to destroy the last vestige of human freedom."

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for May 28

Prepared by Bracey Campbell
CORINTHIANS

I Corinthians 4:1-5:21

I. Afflictions. I Corinthians 4. (Please read it.)

1. Qualifications.

Among the dearest of my friends was a dear old professor who lived a long married life without any children. But you ought to have heard him tell me how to "raise them." Boy, he could go to town! Did you read after one or two of our famous feminine columnists, divorced from their husbands, telling the other women how to manage one; or a woman whose children all got divorced, gadding about all over the globe, and advising all other mothers to teach their children that the Bible story of the creation of man is a myth, presuming to tell American young womanhood how to deport itself? You can go on from here to a thousand illustrations.

Now listen at Paul, "Our light afflictions" (I Cor. 4:17). What did he know about afflictions? What did he mean, "light afflictions"? Well, he is said to have been weak of body and unimpressive in speech ("For . . . says one . . . his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible," II Cor. 10:10). So he did know something about afflictions. Yes, rather! "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one" (II Cor. 11:24). If it had been me, I fear I could not have regarded a flogging on my back of 39 lashes with a cat-o'-nine-tail as a light affliction. But read on into the following verses (II Cor. 11:25-33), and see how this intrepid little man suffered afflictions, being beaten with rods, being stoned, suffering shipwreck, yea, a whole catalogue of afflictions that we know nothing of. And this is the man who, in the Spirit of God, calls bodily afflictions light! Well, he certainly ought to know about afflictions!

2. Explanation. Now, not even Paul can convince me that the toothache doesn't hurt, that a whiplash doesn't sting, that rocks as big as man's fist hurled against a man's body don't give pain, that hunger and thirst and cold and nakedness aren't unpleasant. Paul doesn't say "No"; but he does say that they, under certain conditions, are light. Come! What conditions? "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen" (II Cor. 4:18). So, that's it. You look beyond the afflictions to the purpose they are designed to serve, from the afflictions that pass to the supernal and eternal fruits that never pass, and, in comparison of the this with the that and the now with the then, they are light.

3. Declaration. "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:18). The visible, audible, tangible things, pass, perish, wear out, decay, all of them! Gnats, mosquitoes, houseflies, pigs, cattle, horses, monkeys, men, trees, mountains, sun and stars, all things seen are for a time: only the unseen, the deep-down truth and justice, faith and hope, soul and Savior, mercy and love—these things endure.

4. Preparation. The very purpose of these light afflictions is that we shall be helped to gain an enviable reward in "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (II Cor. 4:17). Even if we must learn this through our tears, even so let us learn to the glory of God.

Paul passes on to say in the beginning of the fifth chapter that there is something we know. And it is one subject on which men know nothing outside of God's revelation. Outside of what our Lord has taught us in His work and in His word, no man knows anything of what lies beyond death, and this in spite of the fact that no other subject of thought holds interest more widespread, since all must die, so long as the Lord delays His coming.

II. Character of the House of This Tabernacle.

That is, of course, the body. "Our earthly house of tabernacle" is just our body.

1. Unsatisfactory. "In this we grow, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." We chafe at the limitations which this body imposes upon us. I worked in my garden yesterday, and my body tired before I had finished what I desired to do before I started to the convention. I had to stop. Well, you have been hindered by the same sort of thing many a time. Wanted to go up, but your body would not climb. Wanted to keep on when your body refused to go.

"If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked" (II Cor. 5:3). Of course! It takes body and soul united to make a complete man. No man without a body is a whole man, and there is something within which makes us long to be perfectly whole. We desire our bodies, but we want them to be strong with the strength of the heavenly.

2. Inadequate. Of course, this is saying the same thing again. "We groan, being burdened" (II Cor. 4:5). Paul knew what that meant. You do not know? Very well, you'll be learning before long. When the years have passed, a few more, you'll learn what it means to walk under the burden imposed upon your body by the weight of the speeding years.

3. Change, transformation. We are to be changed so that what of us is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The corruptible of us will be changed into the incorruptible, the mortal of us will be changed into the immortal. This is the use of death. It is not now a destroyer of the Christian, but a renewer, a rejuvenator, the greatest blessing that can come to a redeemed man.

4. God's provision. "He that hath wrought for us this very thing is God" (II Cor. 5:5). Let us forget what might have been before the fall of man in the garden, and fix our attention upon what is now God's way. I think He did not plan man to die, but to be changed into a spiritual being, both body and soul, without passing through the experience of death; but sin defeated all that, the devil won a partial victory over man. Then the wisdom of God devised redemption, and changed man's greatest misfortune into the means by which man sees the face of God and rejoins the host of the redeemed of earth about the throne of the Almighty.

Until our Lord's return, death is as much a part of God's plan for your life as birth is a part of it. Our duty as Christians then?

DEFENDS PROTESTANT CHURCH RECORD IN RECRUITING CHAPLAINS

Chicago—(RNS)—Addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press here, Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of The Christian Advocate, official organ of the Methodist Church, defended the record of the Protestant churches in recruiting chaplains for the armed services.

The Methodist editor pointed out that chaplains are not drafted but are volunteers, and asserted that if doctors or engineers were received for the armed forces on a voluntary basis "the ratio of volunteers would not be any higher and might not be as high as that of clergymen."

He pointed out also that chaplains represent the "cream" of the civilian ministry since a great many home front clergymen are elderly men unfit for the services.

Dr. Smith's remarks followed an appeal by Dr. Jacob Payton, Washington correspondent, from Methodist publications of the assembled Protestant editors to help stimulate recruiting of Protestant ministers for the chaplaincy.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPLAIN HONORED

A letter from Capt. E. D. Giddens, chaplain, has been received by the editor, in which he tells some news regarding one of the Mississippi chaplains. The courtesy of Capt. Giddens is appreciated. We quote from the letter:

"It has been my privilege to be associated with a Mississippi chaplain, Lester E. Nicholson, base chaplain in the Canal Zone. 'Nick,' as he is called, is not only popular with the officers, but with the enlisted men. While I was visiting him recently the enlisted men presented him with a nice leather overnight bag. The choir, which is the best in the department, gave him a recording of his favorite songs, sung by themselves. These were going away presents for him as he expects shortly to be back in the States after two years service. He has done good work as chaplain. I saw him baptize two young men into the Baptist church at Balboa. One of these men has surrendered to preach and the chaplain has been instructing him some time."

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Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary

April, 1944

	RECEIPTS			
Specials	\$ 304.87	Program	Designated	H. T. Club
Alabama	11,705.33	\$ 226.40	\$ 43.80	\$ 575.07
Arkansas	6,575.63	22,944.90	---	34,650.23
Arizona	190.37	3,322.48	---	9,898.11
California	436.20	219.08	3.00	412.45
Dist. of Columbia	1,808.00	390.11	---	826.31
Florida	9,941.80	266.17	6.00	2,080.17
Georgia	20,314.14	14,628.12	3.00	24,572.92
Illinois	4,323.77	36,233.97	---	56,548.11
Kentucky	25,618.66	8,718.85	---	13,042.62
Louisiana	10,267.63	21,735.48	---	47,354.14
Maryland	2,821.21	15,964.68	---	26,232.31
MISSISSIPPI	14,010.50	22,807.15	3.00	2,824.21
Missouri	11,771.02	12,484.23	---	36,817.65
New Mexico	911.14	980.34	---	24,255.25
North Carolina	23,982.58	26,770.82	---	1,891.48
Oklahoma	1,716.62	9,614.49	---	50,753.40
South Carolina	18,230.05	3,507.99	---	11,331.11
Tennessee	25,997.60	17,109.66	---	21,738.04
Texas	18,000.00	54,825.76	---	43,107.26
Virginia	48,012.82	10.00	---	72,825.76
Totals for Mo.	\$256,939.05	\$272,750.68	\$ 68.80	\$ 529,759.43
Year to date	854,135.83	829,797.07	10,061.72	1,693,994.62
1943 to date	723,253.21	565,327.35	271,299.98	1,559,880.54

DISBURSEMENTS

	Current month	Year to date
Baptist Brotherhood of the South	\$ 2,442.08	\$ 9,000.00
Education Commission	---	2,400.00
Ex. Com. Reserve Fund	68.80	10,061.72
Foreign Mission Board	205,538.70	1,029,456.81
Home Mission Board	250,687.98	401,368.72
Relief and Annuity Board	26,862.30	98,614.07
Southern Baptist Hospital	4,334.42	14,376.34
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	11,000.75	41,320.67
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	12,528.71	41,891.98
Baptist Bible Institute	10,968.32	36,441.98
W. M. U. (Training School & Desig.)	1,451.33	4,763.42
American Baptist Theological Seminary	3,876.64	13,298.94

TOTALS \$529,759.43 \$1,693,994.62

The above figures present a story setting forth the love and loyalty of Mississippi and Southern Baptists in all the work of Christ at home and around the world.

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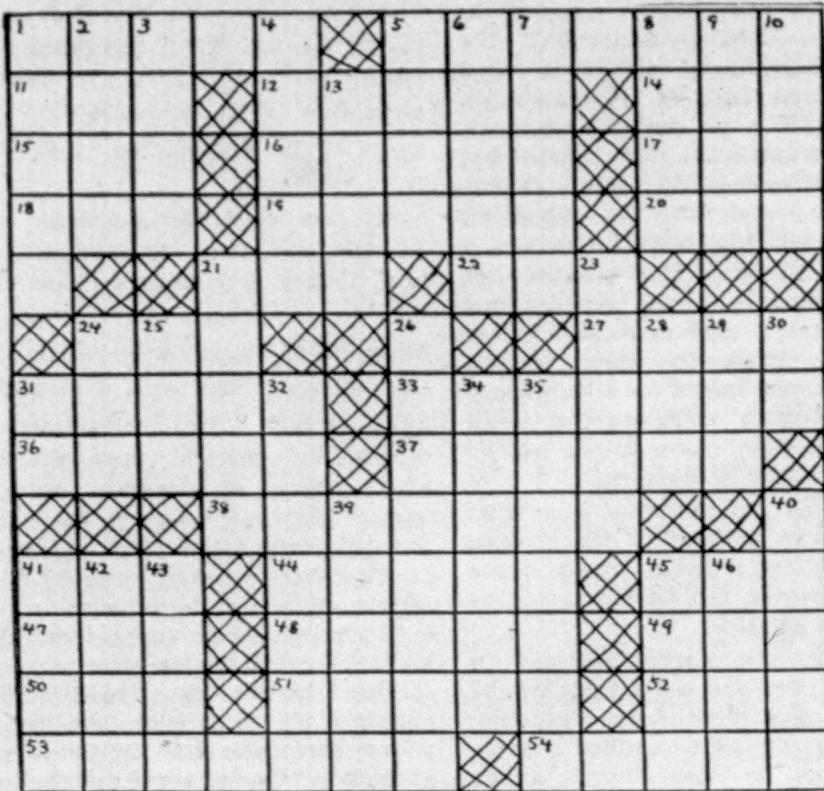
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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go."

—Ex.3:20.

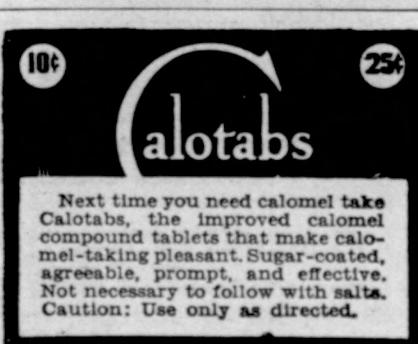
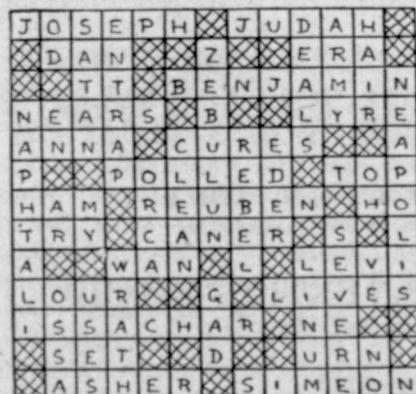
ACROSS

- First plague: all the waters were turned to . . .
- Fifth plague: "there shall be a very grievous . . ."
- "the holy anointing . . ."
- Exultant.
- Rubber tree.
- "He casteth forth his . . . like morsels," Ps. 147:17.
- Great artery.
- New Testament book.
- Constellation.
- Cornered.
- Cutting tool.
- Timid.
- Soak.
- "The lot is cast into the . . ."
- Son of Shobal, Gen 36:23.
- Greek dialect.
- Not Sonant.
- Animal.
- Boat having three rowers.
- Curbs on paper machines.
- Owned.
- Old Egyptian city; saint (nag.).
- "There shall the great . . . make her nest," Isa. 34:15.
- Fourth Mohammedan caliph.
- Goddess of peace.
- "Why boastest thou thyself in mischief," begins this Psalm.
- Pronoun.
- Pertraining to the nose.
- Noun suffix.
- Eighth plague: "before them there were no such . . . as they."
- Second plague: "the . . . came up, and covered the land."

DOWN

- Sixth plague: "the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the . . ."
- Third plague: "so there were . . . upon man, and upon beast."
- Combining form meaning "oil."
- Tenth plague: "there was not a house

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



SOUTH'N BAPTIST CONVENTION

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dom on this earth. They have flouted decency, democracy, and even Christianity itself. The place for the Christian in America is to be in this war with all his heart and all his capacity."

Christianity For the World

Stating isolation has no place in the Christian philosophy, Broughton said the injunction "Go ye into all the world" is not merely a missionary mandate. It proclaims the universality of the Christian religion, he declared. Deeper than this, there is the implication that without world freedom there can be no world peace; that oppression anywhere threatens liberty everywhere; that freedom of religion cannot be limited by international boundary lines. Any peace formula that does not comprehend these eternal truths will be but an interlude to war, the Governor said.

The fighting Christian does not battle for military victory alone, Broughton went on. There must be the triumph of a cause, the peace of a better world, and the freedom of the human spirit.

"Diplomats, militarists and power politicians have for centuries fixed the conditions of so-called peace; and for centuries we have had recurring wars," he concluded. "Is it too much to hope that in the coming peace negotiations consideration will be given to the divine edict: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord'?"

The final report of the Convention was the Baptist Brotherhood report. Those having part in the program were: Judge John W. McCall, Hugh F. Lattimer and Lawson H. Cooke. Secretary Cooke emphasized the Co-operative Program and declared that it was the purpose of the Brotherhood to give it "all-out" support.

The Convention closed with a hand-shaking—President Neff suggested that each person shake hands with three nearby people.

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MRS. LENA MAE DUKES

Whereas, on Jan. 15, 1944, by the divine province of God, Sister Lena Mae Dukes, a faithful member of the White Oak church (Smith county), was called from her home and community where she had served her family, church, and friends so faithfully. She was the daughter of Collins and Leona (Winstead) Miley, born March 27, 1909. She was married to Kirby Dukes June 14, 1925. To this union were born four children, three of whom are still living, Louise Dukes, Ruby Gay Dukes, and Mims Allen Dukes, all living at Magee, Mississippi; and

Whereas, we feel most keenly our great loss in her departure and miss her Christian support in our W. M. U. and other church activities. Her Christian influence, deeds of kindness, and Christian thoughtfulness in time of sorrow, need, sickness, or wherever she was will always live in the hearts of those she loved and served; and

Whereas, we desire to pay tribute in this small way as an expression of our love and appreciation for her;

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we grieve not as those who have no hope, for our loss is heaven's gain.

Second, that we let her influence and beautiful example of Christian thoughtfulness in her church and community live in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved her.

Third, that we remember often Proverbs 31:30-31:

"Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

"Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her in the gates."

For Sister Lena Mae exemplified the above in her life.

Be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family, The Baptist Record, the Smith County

BLUE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION MEETS MAY 27

The National Alumnae Association of Blue Mountain College will meet here Saturday, May 27, in connection with the seventy-first annual commencement of the college.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Booneville, will preside, and Mrs. H. S. Livingston, Memphis, Tenn., will preside over the junior alumnae session.

The classes of 1894 and 1939 will hold reunions and will be honored at a luncheon. A picnic supper will be given for the junior alumnae and the class of 1944. At 8 o'clock the fine arts department will present a program of music, songs, and dances.

Sunday, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Governor Thomas L. Bailey will make the commencement address Monday morning.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Shelton (Jones)	43	23
Wallerlville (May 14)	71	45
Pinola (May 14)	34	25
New Hope (Sunflower)		
(May 14)	147	76
Hardy	65	
Wallerlville	59	43
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	9	
Crowder	105	37
Tocowa	38	
Louisville	405	37
Concord (Franklin)	70	
Brookhaven	529	113
Main Street Hattiesburg		140
Rocky Creek (George)	107	42
Luce Mission (George)	40	
Gulfport	431	80
Pinola	32	26
Crystal Springs	404	116
West Side Natchez	99	44
New Albany	408	120
Calvary Jackson	837	218
First Baptist, Jackson	987	230
Parkway	459	143

—BR—

V. R. Crider has resigned at Knoxo, Walthall county, in order to give full time to Paynes, Tallahatchie county.

Reformer, and one be spread upon the minutes of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BERTIE GIPSON,
MRS. ORA DUKES,
MRS. OLA HALES,
Committee.

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

- ("They are at their wit's end"): The expression mentioned can be found as a part of Psalms 107, verse 27.

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- ("Will a man rob God?"): Malachi used this statement to bring out the importance of tithing and offerings. (See Malachi 3:8.)

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- (Apostle uses almost same words as Jesus): See Acts 9:40, where Peter raises Dorcas from death. Dorcas, being interpreted "Tabitha," Peter said, "Tabitha, cumi." Jesus said, "Talitha, cumi."

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- (Old Testament books numbers 11 through 14, analyzed): No. 11, Chronicles: Priestly history of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. No. 12: Continuation of Chronicles by Ezra; priestly restoration after the captivity. No. 13, Nehemiah: Continuation of Ezra; the political restoration. No. 14, Esther: A story of the Hebrew captivity. (Continued in next week's issue.)

MISSISSIPPINIAN PREACHES

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follows:

"I am debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and the foolish. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome." Romans 1:14-15.

On December 29, 1943, when the glorious news flashed from Nashville, Tenn., that the Southern Baptist Convention had paid the last penny of its indebtedness, a thrill of pride and joy filled all our hearts. May God grant that out of the bitter experiences which have come to us through the long, hard years of retiring these millions of dollars of indebtedness, we have learned our lesson, and hereafter will so order the fiscal policy of our Convention as to live within our income. We would do well to remember how Joseph, the Patriarch, in the years of plenty, created reserves for the lean years.

While we face the hundredth anniversary of the founding of our Convention, free of all indebtedness, it is still true that there rests upon us a tremendous debt—not a material obligation, but a spiritual obligation.

Paul holds this sense of obligation as a debt that he owes, because he now realizes that "he is not his own; he has been bought with a price." I have the feeling that no man can ever look fully on that cross, without sharing with Paul this sense of obligation.

Paul realized that in Christ and in the gospel that Christ had committed to him, there was the answer to every need that human life and human experience could know. There rests upon one an ethical compulsion to share with this fellow-man anything that has enriched his own life and met his own deepest need.

We Southern Baptists rejoice that we have discharged our financial obligation, but the fact still remains that we are debtors to all men.

I. We Owe Something to Ourselves

Paul employs three metaphors in his letters to the Corinthians to picture the individual responsibility of the Christian: "We are stewards of the mysteries of God." "We are ambassadors on behalf of Christ." And "Ye are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men." Stewards, ambassadors, epistles—what meaningful metaphors.

We owe it to ourselves to be good stewards in the household of faith. To attain this goal we must bring character, wisdom, foresight and sound judgment to the administration of the program of our Lord, committed to us. "It is required of a steward that a man be found faithful." We must be trustworthy, prudent and far-seeing in this realm of our responsibility. Wisdom has fled from us if in these years of plenty we do not make provision as good stewards for the lean years that must inevitably follow. A religious dollar contains only one hundred cents, the same as the secular dollar. Failing to create reserves in these more prosperous years, inevitably there will be forced upon us one of two unhappy but inescapable results. When the evil day comes we will either be compelled to cut the work of our boards and agencies to a bare skeleton, or to again encumber our beloved denomination with burdensome and staggering debts.

We are also under obligations to be effective ambassadors of Christ. "An

ambassador represents his sovereign personally as well as his state. He is the highest diplomatic representative that one sovereign power or state sends to another." Thus the dictionary defines this function. We are ambassadors, therefore, on behalf of Christ. As my great old teacher has said, the ambassador must be acceptable to his sovereign who sends and must be acceptable to those to whom he goes.

To Be Read of Men

Again, if we are the living epistles known and read of all men, we owe it to ourselves to wear worthily the name Christian—"Christ's men." There is incumbent upon us the obligation to develop a winsome type of life that will impel men to recognize that these are they who have been with Jesus. The sense of this obligation will be deepened, when we remember that the unbelieving world about us forms its estimate of the meaning of Christianity and makes its evaluation of the worth of the religion of Jesus: not from the Bible, for they do not read it; nor from the sermons we preach, for they rarely hear them; but the world forms its concept and makes its evaluation of the Christian religion from what it sees in the lives of those who profess it. They are the epistles known and read of all men.

I am jealous that the people called Baptists shall develop from the truth they hold a culture and type of life and character as strong and beautiful and distinctive as the truth they preach. We owe it to ourselves that as living epistles we should be lovely letters which all men read.

II. We Have an Obligation to the World About Us

We are debtors to give to this disengaged, broken world the redemptive gospel that is ours. This Blessed Book gives us our message for this tragic hour and for every hour. It is Jesus Christ in His divine personality, His sinless humanity, in His office as prophet, priest and king, in the atoning efficacy of His death, in the power of His resurrection, in His ceaseless intercession and in the certainty and purpose of His coming again. That is the good news we owe to all men.

We owe it to the world about us to proclaim the absolute competency of the individual in the realm of religion. If this basic concept is ignored, this global struggle for human freedom will be in vain. From this truth stems soul-liberty, freedom of religion—all the freedoms for which men fight today.

Our forebears paid the price of bitter persecution in their fight to establish a political and social order, in which freedom of religion, in its fullest sense, would be guaranteed to every man. Our great nation had demonstrated that there can be a free church in a free state. Freedom of worship, religious tolerance, are not enough. The liberation of all men everywhere in the world, from coercive control in the realm of religion, is the only sound basis for complete religious liberty.

Individual Belief Stressed

Again I say, that, in this global struggle for freedom, we owe it to the whole world to proclaim the competency of the individual in the realm of religion. If we have evolved for ourselves in America a political economy, a social order, where the fullest measure of freedom is enjoyed, where this precious heritage of soul-liberty is distinctive; then it follows, as the night follows the day, that there

rests upon us the inescapable ethical obligation to share with every other man, regardless of color, or race, or station on this earth this glorious heritage.

Seeking as a member of the family of Christ to establish His kingdom on earth, we, as Baptists, in the spirit of co-operation can catch hands with every other friend of Christ on this globe, and take to all mankind this gospel that has brought to us our blessed way of life. We Baptists believe the very genus of our faith, and we betray the ethical outlook of our forebears when we choose for ourselves in such a time as this a path of ecclesiastical isolation.

III. A Debt We Owe to Christ

Pressed with the sense of this obligation to Christ, Paul reached the place where he cried, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." He felt, and we should feel, that His mind should become our mind, that His spirit should become our spirit. If we discharge this debt to Christ, we must not only believe in Christ, but we must believe WITH Christ. Unless my concepts, my standards, my evaluations are His concepts, His standards, His evaluations, I have not truly become His. When we think of faith in the terms of His faith, we are led immediately to a re-examination of our faith in terms of His faith. His idea of forgiveness is far removed from our idea of forgiveness. If I discharge my obligation to Christ, I will take Him seriously when He says to me, "Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." When we believe with Jesus, we will hold His ideal of greatness, namely: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

You and I are debtors with Paul, "To have this mind in us which was also in Christ Jesus." When we measure our thought by the mind of Christ, we are prone to cry with H. G. Wells, "The Galilean is too great for us." But this is not true if we trust Him to make new our mind just as we have trusted Him to make alive our hearts. He who warmed our hearts with an indescribable love can quicken our minds with an immeasurable wisdom. We are debtor to Christ to reincarnate His mind and His spirit in our personality.

With the clarion call of a world that has lost its way ringing in our ears, we Southern Baptists launch our second century of glorious history. Keenly aware of our debt to ourselves, our debt to the world about us, and, above all, our debt to the Christ who has redeemed us, may there be regnant in our hearts this same sense of obligation that will impel us to cry with Paul, "I am debtor to all men."

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES

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works were all works of mercy and helpfulness. For others He worked while living. For others He died. In life, in death, it was for others, not self. His miracles demonstrated power which the world has not seen in anyone else. He never failed when He attempted to do a thing. Other men have successes and failures. He always succeeded, never failed. He overcame Satan in the field of temptation. Satan said, "If you are the Son of God cast thyself down." Since He was the Son of God He would not do it. His resurrection from the dead showed Him to be the Son of God without question. If we believe He rose from the dead we

believe He is the Son of God. If we doubt the resurrection we doubt His divinity.

He is the Son of Man. He was born of a virgin. This was prophesied in Isa. 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." In Matt. 1:18-25 we have a clear, unmistakable statement of the birth of Christ and the fact that it was a fulfillment of prophecy. To believe the Bible is to believe in the virgin birth of Christ. To believe in the virgin birth is to believe in his humanity. In speaking of Himself Jesus said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Christ was man. He walked, talked, ate, slept, drank water, visited sick, attended the synagogue, prayed, and kept social engagements. Looking at Him from this view-point He was man. He was as truly man as any of us.

He was God-Man. He possessed all the attributes of God. He overcame all the frailties of human nature. He was as pure, holy, wise, powerful and loving as God. He overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil. He triumphed over every temptation, He conquered death. He was on equality with God, yet He subjected Himself to all the forces that alienated man from God. "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." He was God. He was man. God-Man.

The Son died for our sins. He died for our sins according to the Scriptures. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." His death paid the penalty for our sins and His blood washed us and made us clean in the sight of God. Christ alone was sufficient to settle our sin debt. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only SIN-REMOVER that God has provided and will make us fit for heaven. He saves us from the habit, penalty and power of sin. He saves us to the practice of righteousness, the joy of salvation, and the hope and reality of glory forever.

The Son rose for our justification.

With the authority of heaven and earth in His hands He commissioned His disciples to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to all the nations of all the earth.

The Son ascended and is now interceding for His people and will until He returns for them.

Trust Him for salvation. Obey Him as Lord. Ascribe to Him all majesty and glory forever and ever.

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CHAPLAINS TO REMAIN ABROAD

Lexington, Ky. (RNS)—About twenty per cent of the Southern Baptists' 1,000 ministers now serving overseas as chaplains will remain in foreign countries "to promote Christian work among the civilian peoples" after the war ends, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Atlanta, told the 1,300 persons attending the two-day convention of the Kentucky Baptist Women's Missionary Union here. Dr. Carpenter is superintendent of Baptist camp work for service men and southern liaison officer between that denomination and the War Department.

AS THE CONVENTION CROWD LEFT THE AUDITORIUM AT ATLANTA



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CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

Atlanta's Mayor Hartsfield welcomed the Convention to Atlanta which he called "The Baptist Capital of the World."

Mississippians serving on committees appointed at the 1944 sessions included: Committee on Committees, Dr. J. D. Franks, Columbus, Miss.; Home Mission Board, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson (re-elected); Sunday School Board, Rev. Wyatt Hunter, McComb (re-elected); Relief and Annuity Board, Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City (re-elected); Board of Directors, Southern Baptist Hospital, Dr. F. M. Purser, Oxford (re-elected); Education Commission, Dr. L. T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain (re-elected); Social Service Commission, Rev. James H. Street, Hazlehurst (re-elected); Executive Committee, Dr. Charles S. Henderson, Greenville; Trustee, Southwestern Seminary, Rev. R. A. Morris, Newton (re-elected); Trustee, Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. P. I. Lipssey, Clinton (re-elected); Brotherhood Executive Committee, Dr. C. W. Emerson, Hernando (re-elected); Dr. Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs (re-elected); Brotherhood Committee, Harry Smallwood, Laurel (re-elected); Committee on Baptist History, Dr. J. L. Boyd, Newton (re-elected); Committee on Baptist Papers, A. L. Goodrich, Clinton; Committee on Board, Dr. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg; Committee on Evangelism, Dr. W. A. Bell, Jackson; Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, Rev. A. B. Pierce, New Albany.

An added feature of the Convention was a wedding. The couple, Corporal Malcolm R. Maben, of Tucson, Ariz., stationed at Fort McPherson, and Miss Doris Askew, of Atlanta, formerly of Newnan, had wanted to be married by Dr. Louie D. Newton—and as Dr. Newton could not leave the Convention, the ceremony took place there. The dark-haired corporal and his bride took their vows in the press room, in the wings off the stage. Typewriters formed the backdrop.

"Say, where are the bishops?" asked a telegraph messenger boy of Dr. Louie D. Newton. "I've been delivering telegrams for this Convention for several days, and I haven't seen a one addressed to a bishop. Must be a funny crowd." "I told him that

most of the men he saw milling around in the lobby of the auditorium and in the hotel lobbies were bishops, only we didn't call them bishops." He wrinkled his brow under his tousled head of red hair. "You see," I went on, "the Bible calls any ordained minister an elder of bishop or pastor or evangelist, and the Baptists let it stand at that. The pastor of the smallest rural church in the South is just as much a bishop with Baptists as Dr. George Truett, the pastor of the largest church in out Convention, and the best known Baptist preacher in the world."

Miss Mildred Cox, missionary from Pernambuco, Brazil, reported that the 800 Baptist churches in Brazil (45 are in Rio de Janeiro) baptized 7,500 persons last year, and that Baptists form the largest non-Catholic denomination in that South-of-the-Border land. The church supports 100 schools in Brazil, including seven theological institutions.

The Rev. S. S. Stover, missionary from Maceio, Brazil, said that although Baptists have distributed thousands of Bibles and other religious tracts in that country, 40,000,000 still have no Bibles.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt, of Atlanta, former missionaries to China, were introduced as the "oldest missionaries in point of service in the history of Southern Baptists." They served for 63 years. Mrs. Pruitt received an ovation Tuesday night on the occasion of her eighty-first birthday.

Among the older missionaries attending the Convention were Dr. and Mrs. George Green, who have served in Nigeria (reared four daughters there) for 38 years. They made a plane trip to Atlanta for the meeting. Dr. Green, a medical missionary, said a feeling of nationalism and a desire for self-government is growing in Nigeria.

He has visited the leper colonies in Nigeria, and will never forget the last time he went to one of the colonies accompanied by Dr. George Sadler, the Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East. "The lepers welcomed us," he said, "by clapping, many of them with only the stumps of their hands."

It is said that Southern Baptists

lost \$2,000 in good, cold cash through the ignorance of a good woman. The good lady referred to, loved her church and wanted to make a substantial contribution to its Co-operative Program of work. She bequeathed the sum of \$2,000 to the Baptist Seventy-five Million campaign. When she died and her will was probated the campaign to which she was giving \$2,000 had been over with for years, and no such fund was to be found in existence. Hence the money she wanted her church to have could not be legally given to a fund that did not exist, and the church didn't get a dime of it. Just an instance illustrative of what it costs not to know the truth, and believing the wrong thing. (Editor's note: Evidently she did not read her Baptist state paper.)

Concerning the Convention, Dr. Thomas M. Elliott said:

Millions of words were spoken during the two and a half days of the Baptist Convention, and I heard most of 'em; but I didn't hear any words from anybody about repentance and humility. Like Coleridge's ship on a painted ocean, with water, water everywhere, with not a drop to drink, there were countless words uttered, but nothing said about repentance in so far as reached my ears. President Pat Neff looked over in that direction when he said we must have a revival of old-time brush arbor religion when preachers threw away their sermonettes written on pink paper and tied with lavender-scented ribbons, and exhorted the people to repentance and humility before God.

This is a characteristic not of Baptists alone, but of Methodists, Presbyterians and others. Jesus Christ told His preachers to preach repentance; the early Christians told the people to repent. The Lord Jehovah told Solomon that that is the first step in an honest-to-goodness revival. But we church people are possessed with the illusion that we must organize and organize instead of agonize and agonize; we make a survey of the community and put it in a pigeonhole instead of surveying the cross. We make another charge at Balaklava, and meet a similar defeat. Wouldn't it be sublime to see all the churches in agony? Dear brethren and fellow sinners, I am not



JAMES T. HORTON
NEW PASTOR AT COLUMBIA

James T. Horton, who has recently left the church at Poplarville to accept the call to the First Baptist Church at Columbia, is very happy in his new field. Regarding the work at Poplarville, he says:

"My family and I shall always be indebted to the people of Poplarville for their kindness during our ministry there. They are a fine group and have endeared themselves to us in so many ways. Their love was expressed many times, both by word and deed, and these expressions reached their climax during the last days of our work by their generous gifts. The church has many consecrated, efficient, and willing workers who genuinely love Christ and His kingdom. As this church, which has been such a blessing to us, seeks a pastor, our earnest prayer is for the leadership of God's Spirit."

Succeeding his brother as pastor at Columbia after the former accepted the call to the Clarksdale church, Pastor Horton faces a great opportunity in the Marion county metropolis. Columbia offers a great challenge to this fine family, and Baptists in the association are joining in giving them a warm welcome.

The Southern Baptist Convention is big business, in case you didn't know. In the 18 states and the District of Columbia, area of the Convention, there are 23,906 church houses, 4,724 pastors' homes, and \$248,168,495 invested in church property. During the past year the more than 5,000,000 members gave \$63,067,084 to all causes (benevolences, missions and education)—more than a million dollars a week. The Convention has 23,311 ordained ministers.

preaching—I'm just telling you.

Said President Neff, "Something unusual will happen tonight. The Foreign Mission program will start and close on time." It did.

President Neff also told the Convention of the condition of Dr. Truett and of his last visit to him. He quoted Dr. Truett as saying, "Tell the brothers I still love them and will miss them. It is an awful, awful thing for a man not to be able to work."

Another absentee was Dr. Sampey. No one present could remember when this had occurred before. It was stated that he was physically unable to attend.